



A Goal is a Dream with a Deadline

I feel like the luckiest woman in the world. This holiday season, I am so blessed to be a part of BHS. Without a doubt, I have never been a part of a school that was so giving. I have watched over the last month as our students and staff have put together clothing drives, food drives, and collected resources to give to the community this season. We talk a lot about having the Heart of a Chieftain at BHS, but it is awesome to watch us put those words into great action.

As we move into the turn of the year, we also evaluated our goals from first semester, and students revised their goals in A&I. So many students achieved their goals for the semester, and were equally committed to goals for the second semester. Like I said, I am the luckiest woman in the world. And, as I reflected on the year, I realized that we had so many goals and accomplishments we achieved as a school.

For these reasons, I wanted to write about some of the top goals that I have for the upcoming year—goals that I think will help our students and staff to better reach their goals for 2017. We asked students to write 3 goals in A&I—a personal goal, an academic goal, and an extracurricular goal. So, I have written a personal goal, an academic goal, and an extracurricular goal for myself.

PERSONAL GOAL: To promote a school culture where students and staff feel welcomed, relaxed, and able to achieve their goals. We have lots of exciting school culture events this month for the holidays, including Ugly Sweater Contests, Door Decorating Contests, Holiday Parties, and Holiday Concerts. Also, at the turn of the year, we are looking to have a new cafeteria design, updated Chieftain Pride paint, and some upgrades suggested by our NHS students after a visit to a Renaissance event, hosted by Jostens. These events have been mostly driven by our student body's input and suggestions. I am thankful that our student body has taken so much ownership in BHS.

ACADEMIC GOAL: To offer 21st Century coursework for students that helps students succeed in their lives after high school. At the turn of the semester, students will schedule for next year. We will have new coursework in many areas, including soft skills & career development offerings, ACT/SAT preparation, freshman programming, new CCP coursework, and a greater choice in English class selections to name just a few of our new classes. I am excited about the hard work of our staff to put together cutting-edge coursework for student success!

EXTRACURRICULAR GOAL: To promote and support extracurricular offerings at BHS that help develop well-rounded, healthy students. I am a big believer that every student has his or her own strengths. At BHS, we want to promote student involvement in school clubs, activities, and sports after school. These things help build students' skills for the future — and they are just a lot of fun, as well!

Ultimately, I hope my goals reflect student and staff goals for the upcoming year. A goal is a dream with a deadline. And, I will always set high goals for myself, our students, and our staff. I think we can achieve them, with a little help from one another. In this holiday season, I hope our BHS community can reflect on the success of the year, and look forward to reaching goals in the new year. I feel like the luckiest woman in the world! *Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays — Dr. Noeth*

THE CHIEFTAIN CHANT

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- Honoring Our Veterans
- Jazz Band plays at Blue Jackets Game
- BHS Celebrates Christmas

BHS Reading Challenge

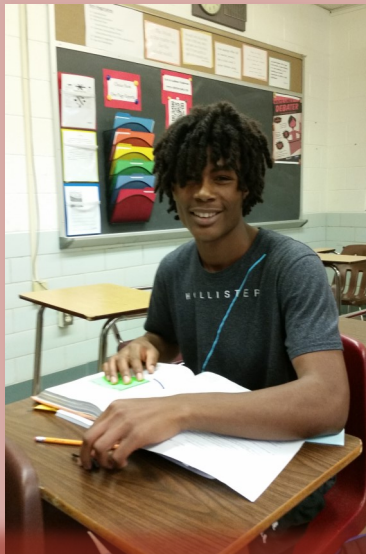
BHS Student Readers of the Month



Jaelynn Butler — “The last book I read was called *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson. The main character is a girl named Hayley. She lives with her father and her dog. She goes through her life with many issues, including discussing her best friend, Gracie, the new boy, Finnegan, her dad’s PTSD and her stepmother.”



Chelsea Burkhammer — “Between the pages of a book is a lovely place to be. Reading books takes you to a new world. Just like the series, *Mrs. Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children*. *Mrs. Preregrine’s* consists of peculiar children, hallowgast, loops, and weights. You travel through many different worlds and time periods. It’s like switching into a different time period on each page. And through all the fighting and mystery that happens in the book, a unique love story is still created. I highly recommend these books.”



Amir Waters — “The books I like to read are the ones that are creative and have mystery. Most of the books I read are the ones that have superheroes or other books like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Goosebumps*.”

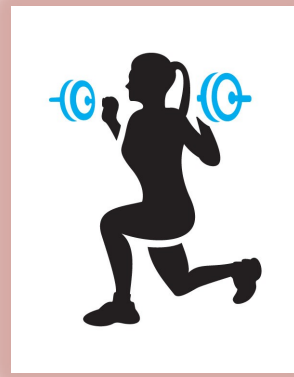


Brooke McClellan— “One thing I liked about *American Sniper* by Chris Kyle is that it taught me more about the military than I knew before. It helped me respect the men and women in the military more. Another thing I liked about it was that it was over something that I am interested in (the Navy SEALs). Overall, I enjoyed the book and I would recommend it to people who haven’t read it before.”



Aaron Garrison — “I usually read to pass time or for entertainment, because books seem to get your imagination going in ways TV and music can’t do. Also, between all books I’ve read, my favorites were *Platoon* and *The Odyssey*.”





The Lady Chiefs are getting stronger! There is a *new* after-school girls strength and conditioning program at BHS this year! The goal of this program is to promote strength and injury-prevention for students. Female athletes in the off-seasons of their sports have an opportunity to maintain and grow their strength all year — together! Lady Chiefs lifting also Strength promotes confidence, teamwork, and shared support for our lady athletes in all aspects of training and athletics.

Coaching staffs for our Lady Chief's teams can also utilize the program during the season in the practice schedule. Lady Chief's lifting can incorporate strength training as part of the weekly schedule so that female athletes can also maintain strength while competing.

Lady Chiefs Lifting

Honoring Our Veterans



**By Abbi Adelsberger,
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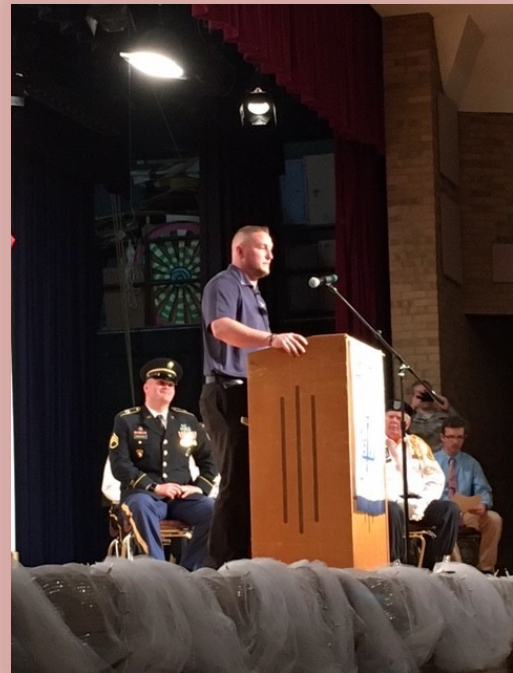
Bellefontaine High School held an assembly in honor of local veterans on November 18th.

The assembly was orchestrated by the National Honor Society and NHS Vice President Clay Wisner was in charge of the event.

The assembly featured guest speakers Sergeant Gary Yoakam and Staff Sergeant Rogerson. Both Yoakam and Rogerson shared personal experiences from their times during war and expressed their loyalty and gratitude toward their country.

Staff Sergeant Rogerson conveyed an inspirational message to students through his speech. He explained why he chose to join the Army and communicated his pride in being an American. Rogerson also described the life of a soldier to give students a better understanding of what it means to serve their country.

Sergeant Yoakam spoke after Rogerson and shared his story with the students. Yoakam joined the Army at age 17, just before the 9/11 Terror Attacks. He served in Iraq as a scout sniper. During an am-



bush attack that killed one soldier and wounded several more, Yoakam lost his left hand to a rocket-propelled grenade just outside of Mosul. Yoakam is a Purple Heart recipient. He told students that even though he lost his hand, he wouldn't have done anything differently.

Also featured in the assembly were members of the American Legion who demonstrated and explained proper flag care.

This event gave students an opportunity to understand the hardships of soldiers and to comprehend what their freedom cost. Students were also able to share their gratitude and appreciation to veterans.

Purple Heart Recipient, Sergeant Yoakam, speaks to BHS students.



The American Legion discussing flag etiquette.

CBC Champs:
BHS Football!



Symphonic
Choir at
Holiday
Concert

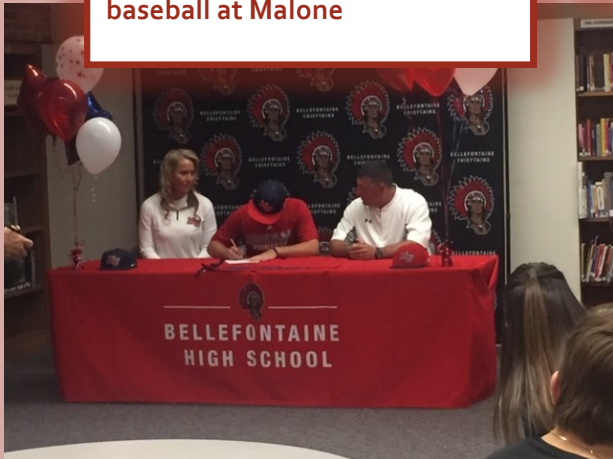


Band performs
at Holiday
Concert



CHIEFTAIN COUNTRY CAPTIONS!

Senior Clay Wisner signs to play
baseball at Malone



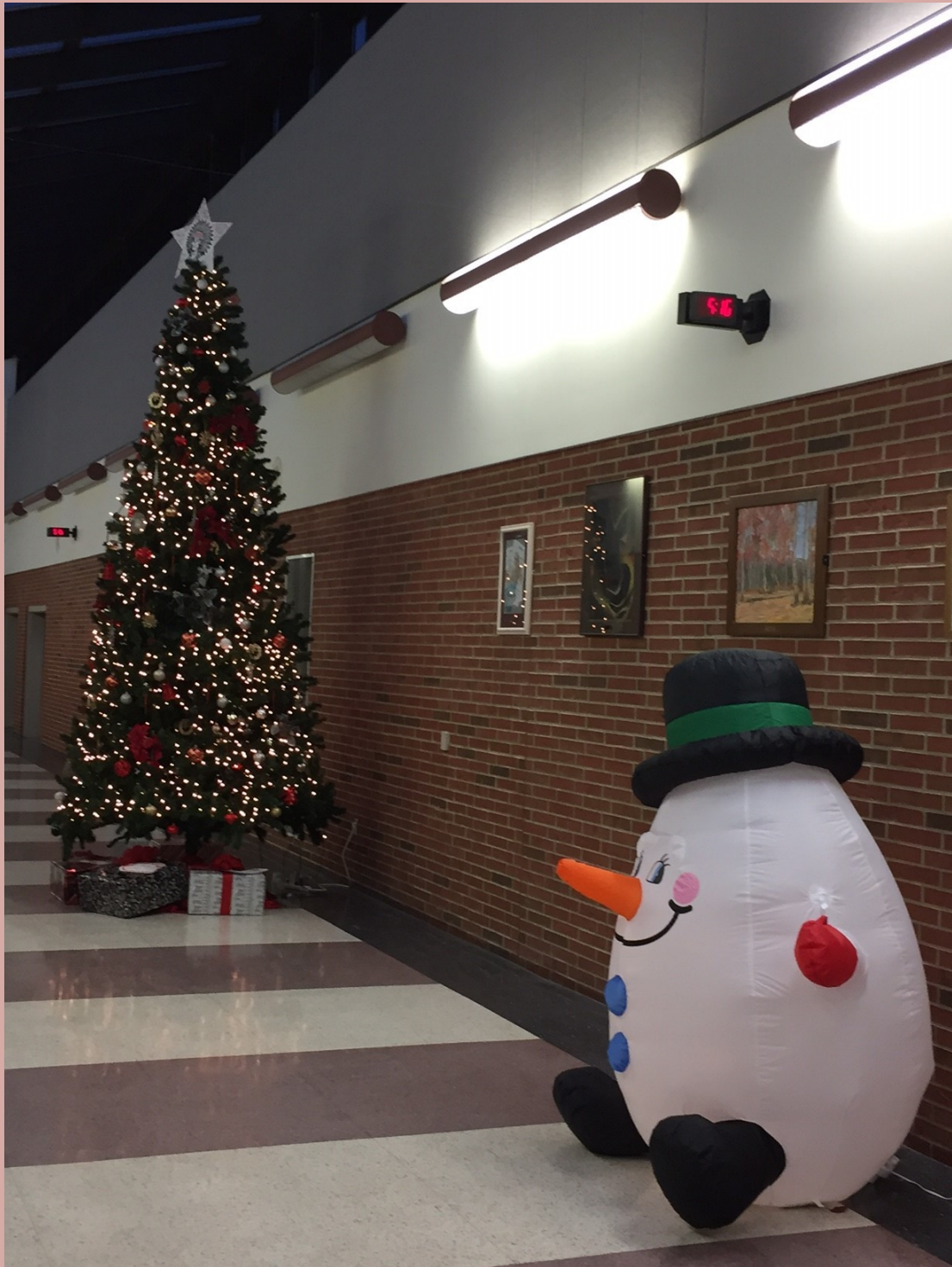
Cheerleaders
compete at
CBCs!



Orchestra at
Holiday
Concert



'Twas the Night Before Christmas: BHS Style!



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'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro' BHS,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a Mr. Davis;
The stockings were hung in the atrium with care,
In hopes that Winter Break soon would be here;
The students were nestled all snug in their classes,
While dreaming of pizza and free out-of-school passes.
And Brown at his smart board, and Elder starting to cook,
Had just settled in when the building straight shook!

When out on the field there arose such a clatter,
We sprang from our rooms to see what was the matter.
Away to the window we flew like a flash,
Tore open the doors, to see the big crash.

The **B** on the field was just all a-glow,
And brightened the mid-day with the **H-S** below;
So we walked to the field—we all wanted part,
'Cuz we saw on the middle a huge Chieftain Heart!
It was beating so loudly, and so very quick.
We barely even noticed in front was St. Nick!

He was laughing and smiling, from ear to ear,
And we listened in closely so that we could hear:
"Now! Austin, now! Kiersten, now! Sierra, and Dustin,
Hi! Mason, Hi! Michael, Hi! Danielle and Katelyn;
I'm here to reward you for your hard work this fall!
I'm so pleased with your service and compassion for all!"

"Your semester was great, so I had to see first hand.
The best students, and staff, and school in the land.
I leave you this heart to remind you always
To change your community for the better every day.
And if you can do that, I have a reward.
For students and staff—it is sure well-deserved."

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And raised the Chieftain Heart to the press box with a jerk,
While laying his finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, up the bleachers he rose.
He sprung to his sleigh, to our school gave a whistle,
And away he flew, like the down of a thistle:
But we heard him exclaim, when he flew away,
"For all the great Chiefs: Tomorrow's a snow day!"



Winter Athletics Action

BHS CALENDAR:

DATE	EVENT
Jan.3	Teacher Work Day – NO SCHOOL
Jan.4	First day for students after break!
Jan. 6	Grade Cards
Jan. 11	Huddle Day – Late Start
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day—No School
Jan. 26	Local Scholarship Meeting—6 pm DLC
Jan. 30	Interims
Feb. 2	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Feb. 8	Huddle Day – Late Start

The winter athletics seasons are in full swing. Come join us for the action! Friday night festivities at the right: BHS boys basketball banks three wins (Freshman, JV, and Varsity) over Shawnee. Go Chiefs!





Jazz Band Plays at the Blue Jackets Game!