



BISHOP WATTERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL

>Welcome!

# New Family Survival Guide

**Welcome to the Bishop Watterson family!**  
**This guide, a compilation of topics suggested by current BWHS parents, is intended to provide friendly fill-in-the-gaps information and advice to new families on the ins and outs of daily life at Bishop Watterson.**

**Topics are listed in alphabetical order on pages 2-9, followed by Athletics (10-11), Choir (12), Band (13) and Clubs (14).**

## **Quick Advice from Parents:**

- 1: This guide was created because parents said it was needed, so prove them right and use it wisely! Keep it handy so that when a question pops up you can pull out your trusted *Survival Guide* to look for guidance.
- 2: Become comfortable navigating the Bishop Watterson website, [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com). The Student Handbook can be found by clicking Student Life then Forms & Flyers. The Curriculum Guide can be found by clicking on Academics, then Guidance.
- 3: Read the *Watterson Wednesday News* e-mailed to parents every **Wednesday** and check the website regularly to find out what's happening.
- 4: Activities and other important information are announced at school and in the Daily Bulletin in PowerSchool for the students. If you have a specific question, start with your son or daughter. We trust they will relay information that is important to them (such as when spring musical auditions will be held, or "I need cash" to buy a t-shirt) directly to you, their loving parents and occasional taxi drivers.
- 5: If you still do not have the answer you are looking for, it might be time to call the school at (614) 268-8671 and then spread the correct information to other parents who have the same question.

**The New Family  
Survival Guide is NOT:**

- ♦ BWHS policy
- ♦ the Student Handbook
- ♦ the Curriculum Guide
- ♦ the final word on anything

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## ABSENCES/SICK DAYS

We recommend you read the Attendance policy in the Student Handbook.

If your child is sick, call the school between 7:30-8:30 a.m. each day.

Vacations during the school year are difficult for the student because of the amount of work missed, so they are not recommended and, in fact, are discouraged.

If your child needs to leave early, he/she must turn in a note in homeroom or directly to the office, signed by a parent stating what time they are to be dismissed, along with their student ID number. With the note, the student can sign out at the appropriate time. The office does NOT accept emails from parents for permission for a student to leave early. If the student does not turn in a note, a parent must come into the office and sign him/her out.

**Always include your child's ID # on notes.** That little ID # makes the staff's job easier, and so does legible handwriting.

## ADMINISTRATION

Bishop Watterson's administration consists of a Principal, Deacon Chris Campbell '77, and two Assistant Principals, Andrea Pore and Ryan Schwieterman '01, along with the Dean of Girls, Heather Law, and Dean of Boys, Vince Lombardo. You can find contact information for these, as well as our department directors and chaplain, on the website under About, Administration. We have a complete staff contact list under About, Faculty & Staff.

## ATHLETICS

See pages 10-11.

## BACKPACKS/PURSES/SPORTS GEAR

Backpacks are useful for carrying school materials to and from school but are not permitted to be carried between classes.

Purses are permitted to be carried between classes.

Sport gear that students need after school is to be stowed in a location designated by the Athletic Director, traditionally in the balcony overlooking the old gym. Access to the balcony is in senior hall, the 300 floor.



## BELL SCHEDULE

The school day starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 3:13 p.m. The actual bell schedule will sometimes fluctuate due to Mass, assemblies, early dismissal or extended homeroom.

## BUSING

Students in the following school districts can receive busing to Bishop Watterson: Columbus\*, Dublin, Hilliard and Worthington.



Links to Columbus, Dublin and Hilliard busing information can be found at [bishopwatterson.com](http://bishopwatterson.com) under Student Life, Forms & Flyers.

\*Note that Columbus will provide service only if we have enough students riding the bus daily.

If you live in the Worthington school district, contact the district's department of transportation directly to arrange bus service.

### No Bus Service

If you live in a school district that does not provide busing it is possible you may be reimbursed for driving your child to school yourself. Call your local school district for information on this. Olentangy and Marysville, for instance, do not provide busing. Neither does Toledo, but that's probably not an issue.

### Calamity Days

If your school district is closed but Bishop Watterson is open, you will need to arrange for alternate transportation to BWHS. Bishop Watterson follows the Diocese of Columbus for closing school. We use School Messenger to send voicemail and text messages to the phone numbers we have on file in the main office for each family. We also tweet the cancellation and post on facebook.

## CALENDAR

Click Calendar button in the header of the website. Options are month, week, day and list view. The default view is by month. The calendar can be exported by clicking on the "Export Events" option under the view you have chosen. Details are available by hovering over an event or clicking on it. We will also post a pdf version that can be downloaded.

## CASUAL DRESS DAYS

These will be announced at school with the specific



requirements or themes. Please read the Student Handbook for more details.

### CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Each year during the Thanksgiving-Christmas season we hold a food drive. In addition, the St. Vincent dePaul Club will hold a toiletries drive for the clients of Holy Family Soup Kitchen. We have also had other drives in past years, including a toy drive.

In addition, Business Club activities such as bake sales, pancake breakfast, etc. raise funds for the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Christine Wilson ‘01 Burn Unit, and students will also ask to take on projects as needs arise.

#### Fill Up Fridays

During Lent, groups of juniors and seniors form teams to collect items such as food, toiletries or paper products for area charities. On designated Friday mornings the teams line up their vehicles in front of the school to collect and see which team brought in the most items for the charity of the week.



Teams get together to choose themes for each week such as super heroes (Team Superman vs. Team Wonder Woman vs. Team Captain America), or Toy Story (Team Woody vs. Team Buzz vs. Team Jessie).

Teams create and display posters throughout the school to promote participation by all students. We share the information in Wednesday News as well.

### CLUB DAY

During the 2016-17 school year, Bishop Watterson had 30 clubs, ranging from the St. Vincent dePaul Society to the Anime Club (see list on pages 14-15). In September there will be a Club Day, announced at school, and students can attend sessions to learn about various clubs. Parents suggest encouraging your child to get involved in something right away to develop some social connections.

### COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS COURSES

Any student who qualifies to take a course at BWHS qualifies for College Credit Plus if he/she has the required GPA. Bishop Watterson works with Columbus State Community College to provide these courses, found on our



website under Academics.

Students schedule the BWHS courses beginning in February during the regular scheduling process.

We recommend that interested parents and students attend the CCP meeting held at BWHS each January. In the meantime, you can view the 2018 meeting on the CCP page of our website.

Important Note: BWHS has no control over deadlines.

### COMMUNICATION

Every effort we make to communicate with parents and students is intended to make life at Bishop Watterson smooth for all of us ... students, staff and parents alike.

#### Emails

It’s the 21st century and our email in-boxes are filled daily with everything ranging from personal communication to the latest sale at Kohl’s or your favorite retailer. At Bishop Watterson we realize this is the way of life in 2018 and have made a concerted effort to consolidate our communication to parents. Instead of sending many emails about various topics, we send one weekly email with the many items our parents *need* to know as well as additional items you may *want* to know. We call this email the **Watterson Wednesday News** because it is available each **Wednesday**. We like to think of the Watterson Wednesday News as a team effort by the staff to keep you informed, so make reading this a Wednesday habit for your sake, and for the staff’s sake! Grab your coffee on Wednesday morning and read the Watterson Wednesday News. In the event that you accidentally delete the email, we archive the most recent of these emails on our website under About, Stay Informed.

We occasionally send class-specific emails to parents as necessary. Freshman and senior parents are more likely to receive class-specific emails. Just like Watterson Wednesday News, these are sent on a need-to-know basis, so if it’s in your inbox, you need to know!

#### With Teachers

The first step in getting questions answered is for your student to speak directly with the teacher. If you then need to email, we recommend you use the emails listed on the website (About, Faculty & Staff). You will get a quicker response with email rather than phone call.

#### Website

Our website is full of information! It contains the Student Handbook, Curriculum Guide, forms, news



items, and anything to which we want you to have electronic access. If you have not yet had an opportunity, please familiarize yourself with this tool.

**In-School Announcements**

Announcements about club meetings, service opportunities and other items of interest to students can be found on the Daily Bulletin on PowerSchool. We encourage students and parents to read this. You can opt to have this delivered via email by choosing Email Notification from the left column, then check the box next to School Announcements and in the bottom box (Frequency), choose how often you want to receive this information.

On the PowerSchool app, the Daily Bulletin can be found by scrolling down to School Bulletin.

In addition, brief announcements are made after 7<sup>th</sup> period. This is when sports rainouts and the occasional casual dress day will be announced.

**Social Media**

Bishop Watterson has an active presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, where we share information of interest to our entire community of current parents and students, alumni, donors and past parents and friends. If you participate in any of these apps we encourage you to follow us!

**COUNSELORS**

We have four counselors supporting about 250 students each so if you need help or have a question you should reach out to your child’s assigned counselor who is designated by the first letter of your last name. The nice thing is that your student will most likely have the same counselor for four years. Counselors primarily deal with scheduling, college counseling, career counseling and personal counseling but we also have a Student Wellness Counselor, a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, and an Educational Psychologist.

**Counselor Communication**

- A lot of information is communicated to parents during meetings such as the Freshman Parent Meeting. They hold a Junior Parent Meeting early in the school year and in January. They will also hold a senior parent meeting right after school starts.
- Counselors have a Guidance News section on the website under Academics and updates are noted in the Watterson Wednesday News.
- In addition, the Guidance Department has Twitter and Instagram accounts (BWHSCounselors).
- Counselors also use Naviance Family Connection

to send emails and post communication with college-related reminders.

- Students are free to discuss college with counselors at any time, and the counselors are glad when parents reach out so they can provide accurate information.

**Guidance Counselors**

- A-F** Jennifer Sponseller, jsponseller@cducation.org
- G-L** Heather Harrison, hharrison@cducation.org
- M-Q** Patti Creighton, pcreighton6202@columbus.k12.oh.us
- R-Z** Jamie Kirby, jkirby@cducation.org

**DANCES**

A dance for freshmen only is held early in the school year. This is the **Freshman Mixer**.



At the same time, we hold a parent social. For the record, parents DO go. We mingle in Dominican Hall while the kids dance in the cafeteria. When you hear “NO parents go,” just smile, climb into the driver’s seat and taxi your darlings to their first high school dance. As you stop at the curb so they can jump out, tell them you’ll be in Dominican Hall with other parents, talking ... about them. :)

The **Homecoming Dance** at Bishop Watterson is not formal; however, students dress up. Students arrive in groups, not necessarily with dates. It is an open dance with guests permitted, if accompanied by a BWHS student. A permission slip signed by an administrator of the school he/she attends, along with a current student I.D. is required for all guests with forms turned in on a specified date before the dance.

**Cotillion**, for juniors and seniors only, will be held in January. **Prom**, for juniors and seniors only, will be held in May.

A **Parent/Senior Dance** is held in May.

**DIRECTORY**

Freshman and new student parents will receive a directory courtesy of the Mothers’ Club in September (others can purchase one for \$5). This is where you will find names and contact information for all other families at BWHS.



## DRESS CODE

For the complete dress code, read the Student Handbook, found on our website under Student Life, Forms & Flyers.



You will see polo shirts and shorts on the boys during the warm weather (start of school until September 30 and May 1 until the end of school). During the rest of the school year boys wear uniform pants and oxford shirts with ties.

For girls, white blouses from the uniform provider can be worn during both the warm and cool seasons. Polos, permitted through September 30 and after May 1, require a specific embroidery from the uniform store.

The skirt length must be no shorter than four inches from the floor when kneeling. Don't let the girls push the envelope on this one. Please help us enforce this rule!

Jumper buttons **MUST** be buttoned on the side.

Solid-colored socks or tights or both are worn, sweaters are considered cool (well, cool for now), and quarter zips are the new fav.

Questions about uniforms can be directed to Dean of Girls Heather Law, [hlaw@cducation.org](mailto:hlaw@cducation.org).

## EAGLE GALA

The Eagle Gala will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

## EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Bishop Watterson has several early release days when the teachers have in-service meetings. On these days students are released at 1:45 p.m. and buses do run. These dates can be found on the website. Click on the calendar at the top. Students will also be released early during finals, at around 1:00 p.m.

## FINALS

### First and Third Quarter Finals

First and third-quarter final exams are administered over a five-day span during the regular class periods (45 minutes). Specific days are designated for different subject areas so that students do not have too many tests to take in one day.

### First and Second Semester Finals

Semester finals are given over a four-day period and are 90 minutes in length. Normally, students take two

exams each day, scheduled by class periods, and are dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

Cafeteria service on these days will be determined this fall. Occasionally National Honor Society sells pizza by the slice, which is communicated via in-school announcements in the days prior.

## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION and PARENT MEETING

A Freshman Orientation day is held before school starts. In 2018, this will be Monday, August 20. It's an opportunity for the kids to meet other students before the first day of school. Students may dress casually in accordance with the casual dress guidelines in the student handbook found on the website.



A Freshman Parent Meeting is held prior to orientation, on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the south gym.

The Eagle Store will be open from 5:00-6:00 that evening.

## FUNDRAISING

There are **three components** of the Bishop Watterson overall fundraising strategy:

**Annual Giving** supports this year's operating budget. The tuition charged for a Bishop Watterson education is less than the actual cost of educating a student. That reality results in what Catholic high schools call the budget "gap." Annual Giving is designated to fund the "gap."

**Major Gifts** support short-term capital projects.

The purpose of major gifts for Catholic high schools is to fund **capital needs** such as facilities renovation and expansion, major technology upgrades, and endowment.

**Planned Giving** ensures long term financial stability. A planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. Planned gifts are focused on ensuring the future financial stability of the school.

These fundraising efforts are coordinated through the Bishop Watterson Development Office.



## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Students can invite their grandparents to school for a morning during the spring when they can have breakfast, tour the school and attend a special Mass together. Students who do not have grandparents participating will attend classes as usual.



## HANDBOOK

The Student Handbook can be found on the website under Student Life, Forms & Flyers. It is also in the Student Planner distributed to each student at the beginning of the school year.

## HOMECOMING

Student Council plans and proposes Homecoming events which are presented to the principal for approval. In addition to the Homecoming football game on Friday night, a Homecoming dance (see Dances) is held. It is common for STUCO to propose dress down themes for the week such as jersey, pajama, feeder school, super hero, luau, or twin day.

A court comprised of seniors is nominated by members of the senior class. A faculty committee then chooses the court which is announced at an all-school assembly, along with Msgr. Spiers Service Award winners and inductees to the Homecoming Hall of Fame.

2018 Homecoming Festivities: October 8-13.

## LAPTOPS

See Technology.

## LIBRARY HOURS

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## LUNCH



Cafeteria service is provided by Mustard Seed Catering. A hot main dish is offered each day, along with a wrap and sandwich of the day, salads and varying items such as yogurt parfaits and fruit salad. A weekly menu is posted on the website under Student Life. The hot meal cost was \$4.50 for 2017-18.

**The cafeteria is closed on semester final exam days and some early dismissal days.** Students can pack a lunch on those days. National Honor Society sometimes sells pizza, which is announced in school before the early dismissal day.

The cafeteria's payment system is cash only.

## MEETINGS

Plan to spend some evenings at Bishop Watterson in the first month of school! We have a parent meeting for each class and in September you will also have the opportunity to participate in Meet the Teacher night during which you will follow your child's schedule in 7-minute increments (one night for A-L last names, one for M-Z). This gives you an opportunity to get a feel for your child's schedule and the teachers' expectations.

If your child will be involved in extra- or co-curriculars you can expect to have meetings for those groups.

The south gym lobby entrance on Foster Street is used as the entrance for meetings.

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

A student orientation for new sophomores, juniors and seniors will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. It lasts three hours and gives the students a chance to figure out the building and get to know some other kids. This is held separately from the Freshman Orientation.

## OFFICE HOURS

### School year

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hours vary during the summer break. Check the website for summer hours. The Calendar button can be found at the top of the screen.

## POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool Unified Classroom is our online system which provides 24/7 access to grades, assignments and the Daily Bulletin, among other things.

## PSAT DAY

On October 10, 2018, freshmen take PreACT. On the same day, the sophomores and juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT and seniors can go on college visits. It is a 1:45 early release day.



## PARENT WORKSHOPS

Join us for a Parents in Partnership (PiP) workshop designed to empower parents as they deal with the challenges of raising teens in today's complex world.

PiP will feature several parent-requested topics, discussed in small group settings, which will be facilitated by professionals in the field.

PiP, open to all BWHS parents as well as parents from our feeder parishes, will be held Monday, October 29, 2018. Watch for more information in Watterson Wednesday News.

## PARENTS WELCOME

Parents are welcome at all activities and spiritual events at Bishop Watterson. Classes are a different story as parents may not interrupt them, but you are welcome to attend other events.

## PARKING/PICK-UP

Parking spaces are reserved for juniors and seniors. Every student who wants to park at BWHS, even if not every day, must get a pass. Instructions and the application can be found on the website under Student Life.



**Picking Up Students After School:** Please help us set a tone of common sense and courtesy.

Due to bus congestion, we ask parents to arrive after 3:30 p.m. As you may have noticed, Bishop Watterson is in a neighborhood and that means we have neighbors. **Please do not park or stop on the east side of Foster, in front of the neighbors' homes.** Cars who stop on this side, regardless of whether they are blocking a driveway, will most definitely be in the way for north-bound drivers on Foster.

If you are picking your child up after an activity and are waiting in line at the south entrance, please pull forward against the curb or park in the lot.

In addition, the City of Columbus has made Cooke Road in front of the BWHS main entrance a no-stopping zone.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are numerous scholarship opportunities available from the school. The list, requirements and deadlines are on the website under Admissions. We also have a Student Work Program, which can be found under Student Life, Forms & Flyers.

## SCHOOL BOARD

The pastor at each feeder parish appoints a representative to serve as BWHS School Board member for a term of two years. The School Board President is appointed by the Principal. Monthly meetings are held in the school library. The School Board is an advisory group of individuals that serve as liaisons with their parish communities.

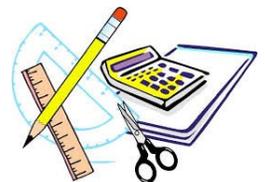
## SCHOOL PICTURES

They are taken in the first week of school so as not to impact class time once the semester is in full swing. A school picture make-up day will follow shortly after for absent students.



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you're one of those people who loves school supply shopping season, you may be frustrated by what we're about to say: no school supply lists are available prior to the first day of school with the exception of freshmen, whose teachers tell them what they need at orientation. Send your child to school on the first day with a notebook and a pen, then plan on shopping. One thing you can stock up on now: book covers, whether fabric or the old-fashioned paper bag.



## SOPHOMORE SERVICE PROGRAM

Only sophomores are required to complete a service project; however, all students are strongly encouraged to do service in their communities throughout their four years at Bishop Watterson.

Sophomores must complete the Sophomore Service Training Program (SSTP). Our Service Coordinator visits the freshman Theology classes during fourth quarter to explain the program and inform students of projects that must be applied for before the next





school year begins. The SSTP must be done during the school year. It CANNOT be completed during the summer prior.

The number of hours required for the SSTP will vary based on the site chosen by the student. Students will learn more about sophomore service, including early placements and special projects, in the fall during Theology class.

### SERVICE HOURS

Service records are kept for all students. Students who complete service hours should turn in the service record form to the Theology office. The forms are available on the website under Student Life, Forms & Flyers

It is important to keep a record of service hours because they can be helpful when applying for scholarships, grants and awards.



For the musically inclined students who would like to participate in the Mass, BWHS has a Worship Band. To get involved, your student should talk to Mrs. Beth Simmonds in the Campus Ministry office. There are also opportunities to altar serve, lector, or serve as a Eucharistic Minister.

### STUDY SKILLS

The counselors have compiled a long list of websites to assist students with various subjects, found under Academics, Guidance on the website. BWHS also offers a study skills course August 14 and 15 from 9:00-11:15 a.m., taught by Dr. Julie Sentelle, the school psychologist. The cost is \$35. Check the website for registration information.

### SUMMER P.E.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other students or to free up a period during freshman or sophomore year.

All physical education credits need to be completed by the end of sophomore year.

### STUDY HALL

Some students and their parents decide that a study hall is helpful, especially if after-school activities are scheduled. Others choose to schedule a class for every period in an effort to bolster the high school transcript.

### SCHEDULE CHANGES

Your child needs to be his or her own advocate in the classroom. With three levels (Honors, College Prep I, College Prep II) of most freshman and sophomore core classes, the level can be adjusted in the first week if necessary. While there is no fee for a change of course level, a \$10 fee is assessed for adding or dropping a course. You can find the sequences of study, found on the website under Academics and Guidance. These are great documents to guide your child through his/her academic career at BWHS.



Anyone interested in becoming a member of the National Honor Society must have 35 hours of recorded service in addition to the SSTP. For complete information on eligibility and requirements for NHS, see the Student Handbook.



Service Director Karissa Bowman maintains a calendar of service opportunities which can be found on the website under Student Life.

### SPIRITUAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are welcome to attend all-school Masses; dates are found on the calendar. Parents usually sit together on the bleachers, but are welcome to sit anywhere there is space. In addition, Eucharistic Adoration is held monthly; parents are welcome and the information is provided in the Watterson Wednesday News.

For the students, confessions are heard several times each school year. They can visit the chapel during study hall, lunch or Theology class on these days.



## SCHOOL SPIRIT

Student Council votes on student section themes for each football game. Students dress according to the theme. It is simply for fun and not mandatory. Common themes include: camo, neon, Hawaiian, white out, super hero, country, pink for breast cancer awareness and red, white & blue (freshmen are usually blue for this one). Consider this a heads-up so you can grab that neon t-shirt or cowboy hat when you see it so you're not running out last-minute! *Disclaimer: we do not know themes for 2018 yet.*



## TECHNOLOGY

### Cell Phones

Cell phones must be turned off and remain in the locker during the school day. If a student is found using a cell phone or with a cell phone in his/her possession during school hours, a fine will be issued. See the Student Handbook for more information.



### Laptops

All students will be issued a school-owned tablet PC for both home and school use, along with a protective case. Fines are issued for lost or damaged equipment.

### Parenting Teens in the 21st Century

We will share articles about technology and social media use occasionally in our Watterson Wednesday News. This is our effort to keep parents informed about the latest trends and developments that might impact their teens.

## TUITION

Tuition rates and payment options can be found on the website under Admissions, Tuition.

On your bill you will notice the Building Facility Fee of \$195/student. The facility fee has been and will continue to be used for current and long term building projects and maintenance.

Students' tuition must be up to date in order to take semester finals in December and paid in full in order to take end-of-year finals.

Please read the Student Handbook for more details.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mothers' Club is a great organization for getting to know other mothers and to help at the school.

The Bishop Watterson Athletic Association requires volunteer time by those whose kids play sports. Sign up to volunteer or, if you prefer, you can pay \$100. Check out the information on the website: Athletics, Athletic Association Volunteer System.

Band Boosters and Choir Boosters are also options for families with students in those activities.

On our website, go to Support BWHS, Get Involved.

## GET YOUR RED & GOLD ON! at the EAGLE STORE

Hours posted in  
Watterson Wednesday News



Watch Wednesday News for our Class of 2022 Freshman Package! We will be open before the Freshman Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 19 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

The Eagle Store is located across from the South gymnasium.



# ATHLETICS

Bishop Watterson Athletic Association has a sports participation membership fee of \$150. This \$150 fee is charged once per school year, in addition to a sports-specific fee of \$100. There is a \$550 family maximum per school year. Bishop Watterson Athletic Association forms, payment and volunteer sign-ups can be completed from our website by clicking Final Forms on the Athletics menu.

## OHSAA MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of all athletes on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the south gymnasium.

## ANNUAL SPORTS PASSES

For information about the variety of annual sports passes we are offering, on our website go to Athletics, Eagle Sports.

## FINAL FORMS

All forms must be completed before sports tryouts begin. <https://watterson-oh.finalforms.com/>

## CONTACT

If you have a question not covered in this document, the entire list of head coaches can be found on the website under Athletics. You can also contact Athletic Director Doug Etgen, [detgen@cdeeducation.org](mailto:detgen@cdeeducation.org)

## SCHEDULES

Sport schedules are currently found on our website by clicking on Athletics then Eagle Sports.



## STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Strength and Conditioning Coach Brian Mong is a Bishop Watterson Class of 2000 graduate. He graduated from Ashland University in 2005 with a B.S. in Sports Medicine and has worked as our strength and conditioning coach since 2009.

Coach Mong helps create strength and conditioning programs for our athletes and is available to help each Bishop Watterson student achieve his/her conditioning goals.

## EAGLE WEIGHT ROOM

### Mission

- Strong Body
- +Strong Mind
- +Strong Faith
- = Strong Life



### Hours of Operation

#### **While school is in session:**

3:15– 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. During the fall sports season Friday hours become 3:15–5:00 p.m. with limited exceptions. During the winter season, Saturday hours might become available.

Teams may have designated times during the school and summer sessions. Head coaches will make that information available to athletes via team e-mail lists.

#### **Summer Hours:**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday



# ATHLETICS

## SPORTS MEDICINE

Our Sports Medicine program is headed by Certified Athletic Trainer Erick Boucher. He serves as the first step in diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation for our student-athletes and our team physicians: Dr. Ray Pongonis '71 and Dr. Doug DiOrio '86.

Coach Boucher graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. in Athletic Training and has been at Bishop Watterson since 2005. He also facilitates our student sports medicine program, in which Bishop Watterson students can learn the ins and outs of the sports medicine world.



### Hours of Operation

#### **While school is in session:**

12:30 p.m. – end of the day's activities. As game schedules vary daily, Coach Boucher may be off campus at game sites beginning as early as 4:00 p.m.

#### **Summer Hours:**

Wednesdays 2:00-5:00 p.m. or by appointment by e-mailing [eboucher@cducation.org](mailto:eboucher@cducation.org).

### Advantages of Utilizing BWHS Sports Medicine

Using the Bishop Watterson Sports Medicine Team has several advantages:

- Fast access to team physicians for further diagnosis or treatment
- On-site rehabilitation opportunities, limiting school absences
- Expedited communication for secondary insurance

You are always free to use your own physicians, but we do ask that you keep us informed so we know what is going on with your child.

## FALL SPORTS

If your child plays a fall sport there will most likely be requirements during the month of August. Our advice is not to take a vacation in August because this could impact your child's standing on the team.

Cheerleading tryouts are held in June.

## TEAM PICTURES

Fall sport team pictures are usually taken in mid-August. Bad news for those boys who grow their hair out in the summer: hair must be BWHS school length to be included in the photo.



## TRANSPORTATION

Bishop Watterson does not provide bus transportation to sporting events and practices. Parents are responsible for getting kids where they need to be.

Teams may have designated times during the school and summer sessions. Head coaches will make that information available to athletes via team e-mail lists.



# CHOIR

## STEP 1

### Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus

A single-semester, entry-level course, open to students in Grades 9-12. These ensembles will help students develop proper vocal and choral technique as well as focus on developing the basics of music literacy, theory and historical knowledge. These ensembles also serves as preparatory courses for Mixed Choir and Concert Choir. One rehearsal and one performance outside of the school day are required, as well as participation with various choral department fundraising activities.

### Handbell Choir I

A single-semester ensemble open to all students interested in learning to play the handbells. No prior experience is necessary. All skills needed to participate will be taught during the class. This course will focus on developing the skills needed to play in a handbell ensemble as well as developing the basics of music literacy and theory. One rehearsal and one performance requirement outside of the school day are required, as well as participation with various choral department fundraising activities.



## STEP 2

### Mixed Choir

An intermediate-level ensemble, open to all students who have had at least one semester in Men's or Women's Chorus or were placed by audition freshman year. The course can be taken as a full-year course or for a single semester. This ensemble will focus on building a combined choir sound as well as continue to reinforce proper vocal technique and develop music literacy, theory and historical knowledge. This ensemble serves as a preparatory course for Concert Choir. One rehearsal and one performance requirement outside of the school day as well as participation in contests/festivals and music tours as available. There is a fee to cover uniform costs.

### Handbell Choir II

A single-semester ensemble open to all students interested in continuing their participation in the handbell choir. Prerequisite of one semester of Handbells I is required. Students will continue to work on improving their playing technique as well as playing music selections at a higher level. One rehearsal and one performance requirement outside of the school day.

## Step 3

### Concert Choir

An auditioned, full-year course for students in grades 10-12 who have participated in at least one semester of another choir and have placed by audition. This course continues to advance proper vocal and choral technique through sight reading and ear training. Additional out-of-school performance opportunities include contests/festivals, music tours and possible trips. There is a course fee to cover uniform costs.



### Non-Graded, After-School Choir

#### Gold Standard A Cappella Choir

An auditioned, elite ensemble with no class prerequisite for men and women in grades 9-12. Rehearsals are held after school one day per week throughout the school year. There are multiple performance requirements outside of school during the holiday and spring seasons, in addition to music tours and school concert performances.



Choir at Lincoln Memorial



# BAND

## MARCHING BAND

- Graded course/ Co-curricular which meets every day during school and after school
- After school schedule:  
Tuesday and Thursday until 5:15 p.m.  
Monday: Brass until 4:15/percussion sectionals until 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Woodwind until 4:15/percussion sectionals only until 4:30 p.m.
- Band camp for all is usually last week in July/first week of August. This is mandatory.
- Band participates at most football games.
- Band competes on Saturdays typically beginning the last week of September until the first week of November.



- There are fees for marching band and students must participate in fundraising efforts.
- Parents will be contacted in early summer regarding schedule, volunteer opportunities, etc.

## CONCERT BAND

- Graded course which meets every day during second semester
- Students do not audition for concert band but may need to audition for seating placement.
- The concert band performs at least two concerts per year and usually the district contest in March.
- There is a concert band uniform which is provided by the band boosters.
- Students do not need to be a part of the marching band to join concert band, but participation in both groups is encouraged.

## JAZZ BAND

- Non-graded, second-semester ensemble
- Auditions are held only for the rhythm section of the band (piano, guitar, bass, drums).
- Students do not need to be a part of any of the other bands to join jazz band.
- The jazz band performs at events in the spring including two concerts, Arts Festival, Jazz Dinner fundraiser, music tour.

## NON-GRADED ENSEMBLES

The following ensembles are non-graded and are open to all band students:

- Pep Band: performs at most boys' home basketball games
- Pit Orchestra: performs for the spring musical
- Small ensembles: performs at OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest in the winter

## COLOR GUARD

The color guard is part of the marching band in the fall and is open to students in all grade levels. Although members do not receive a grade, they practice every day after school with the marching band as well as band camp in the summer. Auditions are typically held in spring; however, you may contact color guard advisor Suzanne Williams

([BishopWattersonColorGuard@gmail.com](mailto:BishopWattersonColorGuard@gmail.com)) for more information or membership opportunities.





# BWHS CLUBS (2017-18)

**A Kid Again:** organization that fosters hope, happiness and healing for families raising kids with life-threatening illnesses; much of the volunteer work takes place outside of school.

**Anime:** group that likes all things Japanese, especially the anime art form, watches videos, draws, and sometimes has Japanese events.

**Battle of the Books:** members read books then compete against high schools in and around Franklin County, answering questions about the books.

**Book Club:** for students who enjoy reading and discussing books they have read.

**Business Club:** academic club that combines service with academic achievement; forms a chapter of the National Business Honor Society; open to juniors and seniors; there are eligibility requirements.



**Conspiracy Theories Club:** discuss conspiracy theories circulating in the world. Members will be able to bring and discuss their own conspiracy theories to each meeting.

**Creators Club:** for the creative and those with an entrepreneurial spirit, a group to support each other in bringing thoughts from idea to action. (ex: write a novel, create an app, start a charity).



**Dance Team:** perform styles such as jazz, hip-hop and pom at events throughout the year such as pep rallies, half-time shows and an end-of-season dance showcase.

**Debate Club:** opportunity to share ideas and to learn about various topics that affect our lives through debate.

**Drama Club:** discuss upcoming drama events and fundraisers.

**Elite Chemistry:** discuss and experiment with the elements of the earth



**Environmental:** for those who want to learn more about the environment and work to improve it.

**Girls for God:** we build each other up through faith and activities including adoration, Bible studies, talks, painting, rosary beads, etc.

**Guitar:** experienced and new musicians come together to share ideas and talents while having fun singing/playing music.



**Health Careers:** for those interested in health careers; activities, speakers explore health sciences.

**Home Economics:** an organization with a central focus on the family; students are involved in service opportunities that utilize skills learned in Family and Consumer Science classes.

**Human Rights:** service club for students who like to read about, discuss, and plan a response to human rights violations around the world, framed within our Catholic faith.

**In the Know:** academic competition that matches intelligence and quick recall against teams from other schools in matches.

**Italian :** discuss various projects and special events relating to Italian culture and language.



**Latin:** open to any student enrolled in Latin; affiliated with the Junior Classical League and regularly attends the State Latin Convention in the spring; meetings are geared to convention activities and the promotion of classical knowledge in general.



**Mock Trial:** meets throughout the school year to prepare to compete in an actual courtroom against other schools in front of practicing lawyers who serve as judges.

**Model UN:** students represent countries to solve various world problems through debating and diplomacy, learning about politics and international affairs.

**PenOhio Team:** a writing league with regional and state tournaments. Varsity and JV teams compete in an all-day tournament involving three 40-minute rounds of writing to a prompt.



**Powerlifting Club:** learn the fundamentals of weight lifting as a means to become and remain physically fit for a lifetime.

**Prayer:** for those seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer, pilgrimages, and social events.

**Science:** service-based organization for the school and science department

**She's the First:** focus is on providing scholarships for low-income girls to become the first in their families to get a higher education.

**Ski:** ski on Wednesday nights starting in January for six weeks, including a weekend trip to Seven Springs.



**Spanish:** participate in activities relating to the study of Hispanic culture and the Spanish language.

**St. Vincent de Paul Service Organization:** for students who enjoy working together on community service projects.





**Triathlon:** for anyone interested in triathlon.

**Ukulele:** to grow in ukulele skills and develop long-lasting friendships.

**Video/Film:** groups will create, film, and edit a short film. A winner will be chosen from the entries and Best Film will be awarded. Meetings will be periodically throughout the year.

**Women of Wonder:** participate in raising money to support girls' education in underdeveloped countries as well as discussing how Women of Wonder can help and empower women everywhere.

**Yoga Club:** learn to relax and de-stress through the practice of yoga.

**Clubs may vary from year to year, depending on student interest.**



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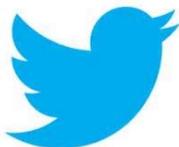
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