



BISHOP WATTERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL

>Welcome!

# New Family Survival Guide

**Welcome to the Bishop Watterson family!**  
**This guide, a compilation of topics suggested by 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, Choir, Band and Clubs .**

## **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 on the *Student Life* menu. The Curriculum Guide can be found by clicking on the *Academics* menu.
- 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 on the monitors at school 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, found on our website on the *Student Life* menu.

If your child is sick, call the school between 7:30-8:30 a.m. each day. DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL SICK.

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

If your child needs to leave early, here is the process:

- 1) Parent writes a note with the following information:
  - Student name, ID #
  - Time for student to leave
  - Parent signature
- 2) Student turns the note in directly to the office or during homeroom.
- 3) Student goes to office at designated time and signs 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 three Vice Principals, Ryan Schwieterman '01, Darren Smith '05 and Abby Teeters, and the Dean of Girls, Heather Law, and Dean of Boys, Vince Lombardo. You can find contact information for these administrators 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 11-12.

## 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 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:57 p.m. The 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 the district sites 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.

### No Bus Service

If you live in a school district that does not provide busing to BWHS, 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 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. In reality, the kids always seem to know first ... must be the spoons under pillows and inside-out pajamas.



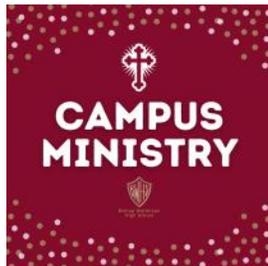
## CALENDAR

Click *Calendar* button in the header of the website. The default view is by month but you can also view by list, week and day. It 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. The option to view as a Google calendar sits above the website calendar.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our Campus Ministry Center offers opportunities for students to connect during lunch. Emmaus Lunch ministry is a time to connect with others, share the journey and be invited to recognize that Jesus walks with us. Students can stop by the Campus Minister Center during their regular ;lunch period on Thursdays and eat lunch with a group of peers and a faculty or staff member.



## 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

Food and toy drives are typically held during the holiday season and 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.

### 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 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

In September we will hold a Club Day, when students can get information on the various clubs during lunch. Parents and our staff both suggest encouraging your child to get involved in something right away to develop some social connections.



## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS COURSES

Bishop Watterson works with Columbus State Community College to provide College Credit Plus (CCP) courses for our students on the Bishop Watterson campus. More information can be found on our website, under *Academics*.



Students schedule the CCP courses for the following school year beginning in February during the regular scheduling process.

We recommend that interested parents and students attend the CCP meeting held at BWHS each January.

## 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 2021 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, the teacher and staff email addresses can be found on the *About* menu on the website. Click on *Faculty & Staff*.

**Website**

Our website is full of information! It contains the Student Handbook, Curriculum Guide, and forms, among other things. 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 monitors in the cafeteria and in the chapel lobby.

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!

**Twitter:** @BishopWatterson, @BWHS\_Athletics

**Facebook:** Bishop Watterson High School

**Instagram:** @BishopWatterson

**CONFERENCES**

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are offered twice a year, in the fall and winter. Scheduling is done online and in 10-minute increments. Dates are on the calendar; watch for signup information in Watterson Wednesday News.

**COUNSELORS**

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. Counselors provide academic, personal, social and college/career support. We also have two Student Wellness Counselors, and a School Psychologist.

**Counselor Communication**

- A lot of information is communicated to parents during evening meetings. Plan to mark your calendar to attend each year's meetings.
- Students can make appointments with their counselors online by going to the *School Counselors* page of the *Academics* menu on our website or by emailing their counselor.
- 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 to send emails and post communication with college-related reminders.
- Students are free to discuss college planning, academics or personal concerns with counselors at any time, and the counselors are glad when parents reach out so they can provide accurate information.
- A wealth of information can be found on our website by checking the *Counseling Services* list





on the *Academics* menu.

**9th & 10th Grade Counselors**

**A-K** Jennifer Sponseller, [mrs.sponseller@bwhs.org](mailto:mrs.sponseller@bwhs.org)

**L-Z** Samantha Zirkle, [mrs.zirkle@bwhs.org](mailto:mrs.zirkle@bwhs.org)

**11th & 12th Grade Counselors**

**A-H**

**I-O** Patti Creighton, [ms.creighton@bwhs.org](mailto:ms.creighton@bwhs.org)

**P-Z** Jamie Kirby, [mrs.kirby@bwhs.org](mailto:mrs.kirby@bwhs.org)

**Dominican Program:** Casey Teeters, [ceteeters@cdeducation.org](mailto:ceteeters@cdeducation.org)

**College Counselor:** Patti Creighton, [ms.creighton@bwhs.org](mailto:ms.creighton@bwhs.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. This is open to Bishop Watterson students only.

**DRESS CODE**

For the complete dress code, read the Student Handbook, found on our website on the *Student Life* menu.

You will see polo shirts 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 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!



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.

Boys must be clean shaven, with hair in alignment with the handbook.

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

**EARLY RELEASE DAYS**

Bishop Watterson will continue our early release Wednesdays as we did last year. Each Wednesday, students are released at 1:48 p.m. in order to meet with teachers for extra help, attend club meetings, etc. Two Wednesdays per month, teachers will engage in department meetings or faculty in-services. Students will also be released early during semester finals, around 12:30 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.

*Following is the Student Handbook policy on final*



**exam attendance.**

**Testing and Absence – Semester Final Exams**

Students must be present during all scheduled finals. The only excused absence is one due to extreme illness. A doctor's note may be required for verification. If a student is ill and needs to reschedule an exam, they must contact Vice Principal Abby Teeters, [abteeter@cdeducation.org](mailto:abteeter@cdeducation.org), for permission and arrangements. Exams will not be rescheduled for vacations, club sports, etc. Absences due to reasons other than illness may result in the student receiving 80% of the grade earned.

Please examine our finals schedule closely and plan vacations accordingly. Inform family members, club coaches, employers, parish leaders working on service trips, retreats, etc. that students are not available until exams are over. Please do not schedule doctor's appointments, elective surgery, etc. during this time.

**FRESHMAN ORIENTATION and PARENT MEETING**

A Freshman Orientation day is held before school starts. In 2022, this will be Monday, August 22. 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.

Freshman Parent Meetings are held prior to scheduling in the spring and prior to orientation.

The next Class of 2025 Freshman Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the south gymnasium.

The Eagle Store will be open from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**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 during a person's 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.

**HANDBOOK**

The Student Handbook can be found on the website on the *Student Life* menu.

**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 Student Council to propose dress down themes for the week (announced closer to Homecoming) 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.

2021 Homecoming Festivities: September 19-24.

**LAPTOPS**

See Technology.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

7:30 a.m. – 3:20 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 between \$5.00 - \$5.75 for 2021-22.

**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 some-

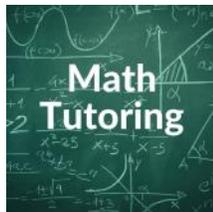


times sells pizza, which is announced in school before the early dismissal day.

We use an electronic payment system. Directions for adding funds to your child's account can be found on the *Lunch Menu* page. If a student has a deficit of \$10 or more no further purchases will be allowed so please keep your child's account in the black.

## MATH TUTOR

We have a full-time math tutor available to assist students during study hall.



## MEETINGS

Plan to spend some evenings at Bishop Watterson in the first month of school! We hold a freshman parent meeting before school starts and then early in the year we have meetings for senior and junior parents. 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 Dominican Hall 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 23, 2022. It lasts a couple of 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

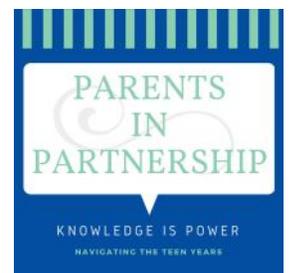
PowerSchool is our online system which provides 24/7 access to grades, assignments, report cards and the Daily Bulletin, among other things.

## PSAT DAY

On October 12, 2022, freshmen take the PreACT. On the same day, the sophomores and juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT. It is an 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 in October. 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. The application process will be shared in Wednesday News in late spring.



**Picking Up Students After School:** Please help us set a tone of common sense and courtesy. In August we will release a diagram about pickup.

Due to bus congestion, we ask parents to arrive after 3:10 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.

Do not park in neighboring business lots, either.

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

No schedule change requests are accepted during the first three days of school unless there is an error (missing or incorrect class) on your child's schedule. Schedule changes can be requested Aug 30-September 3. Students should see their counselor to request a change. Please see the complete policy in the Curriculum Guide (found on the *Academics* menu of our website) for details.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT

Student Council votes on student section themes for each football game. Students are welcome to join in the fun and dress according to the theme. It is 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!

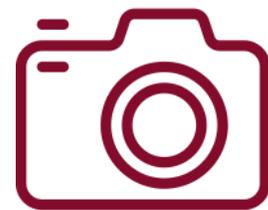
*Disclaimer: we do not know themes for 2022 yet.*

## 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 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: notebooks, folders, pens and pencils and book covers. Book cover tip: fabric ones work great on hardcover books but will tear the cover off of paperbacks so tuck away at least one brown 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 about projects that require application during the spring or summer, before the next school year be-



gins. 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.

## SERVICE HOURS

Service records are kept for all students. Students who complete service hours should turn in the service record form to the Service Director in 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.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the National Honor Society must have 25 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, Faith & Service, Service*.

## SPIRITUAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are welcome to attend all-school Masses; dates are found on the calendar. Masses begin at 10:30 a.m. Allow extra time to park and enter through the main doors on Cooke Road (press the button to the left of the entry doors). 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.

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.

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 17 from 9:00-Noon, taught by Dr. Julie Sentelle, the school psychologist. The cost is \$40. To register, go to *Student Life, Forms & Flyers*.

## 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.

## 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 and the phone held by the dean. 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. No personal devices are permitted.

Students can go to room 118 before school, during study hall and after school for help with tablet issues. The technology lab is open from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on regular schedule days. Fines are issued for lost or damaged equipment.

Students have the option to either take the laptop home for the summer or have it stored at school.

### DyKnow Classroom Management

Bishop Watterson utilizes Dyknow Classroom Management Software for more efficient online testing, as well as ensuring that students stay on-task dur-





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ing their class time. DyKnow provides teachers and administrators with tools to measure student usage of websites and applications, and help them guide student choices during class.

Your student's teachers and administrators have access to monitor school-owned and managed student devices during the school day with DyKnow. Teachers see an image of each student's screen and the website or application the student is using. After class, teachers can access reports showing students' website history and app usage, including how often and for how long each website or app was accessed.

### 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

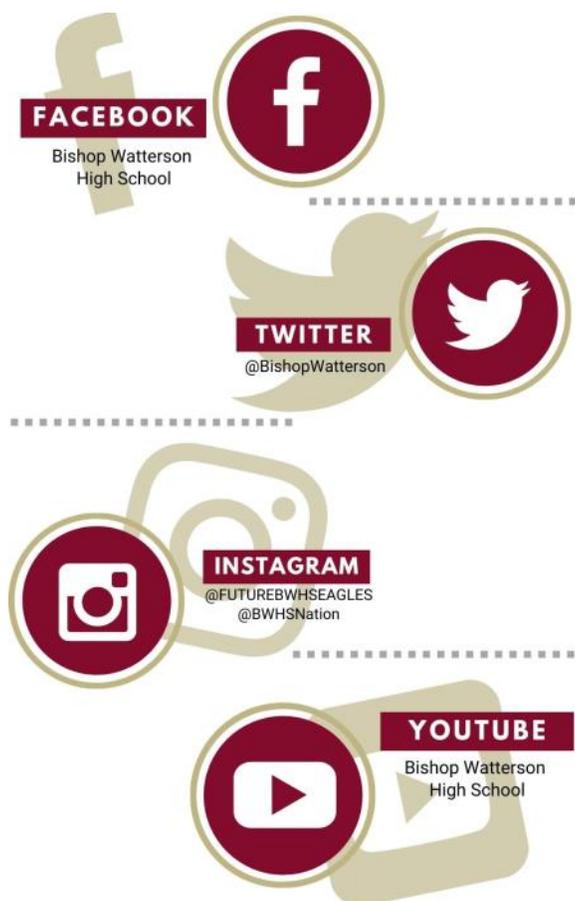
the website under *Admissions, Tuition*.

On your bill you will notice the Building Facility Fee of \$250/student and a Technology Fee of \$150/student. The facility fee has been and will continue to be used for current and long-term building projects and maintenance. The technology fee covers the many elements involved in keeping our school current in this area, including equipment, software and Wi-Fi.

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 to get to know other mothers and to help at the school. 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 GEAR TWO WAYS!**

at the **EAGLE STORE**  
or the **ONLINE SPIRIT STORE**



**Official sports or arts-specific Eagle merchandise shipped straight to your door! Items are different than in the store.**

**Found on the *Athletics* or *Student Life* menus of our website.**



# ATHLETICS

## BWAA

The Bishop Watterson Athletic Association forms and payments can be completed through our website. Choose *Final Forms* on the *Athletics* menu. Fees vary by sport ranging from \$200-400 with a family maximum of \$1,000 per school year. The fees list can be found on our website by going to the *Athletics* menu and clicking on *Bishop Watterson Athletic Association*.

## 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 tryouts begin.

## 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@cdeducation.org](mailto:detgen@cdeducation.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. If your child will be using the weight room, keep in mind that Coach Mong encourages school spirit by not allowing students to wear shirts from competing high schools!

## 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. Doug DiOrio '86 and Dr. Ray Pongonis.



Mr. 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@cdeducation.org](mailto:eboucher@cdeducation.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

A team picture day is scheduled for each sports season. Bad news for those boys who grow their hair out in the summer: hair must be BWHS school length to be included in the fall sports photo.



## TRANSPORTATION

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



# CHOIR

## STEP 1

### Mixed Choir

A single-semester, non-auditioned ensemble 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 history. There will be multiple sections of this course each semester that will combine to sing as one choir for each concert. This ensemble also serves as a preparatory course for Concert Choir.

*Performance Requirements:* One outside-of-school -hours rehearsal and one concert each quarter. Help with fundraising activities as needed.

### 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

### 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 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.





# BAND

## MARCHING BAND

- Graded course/  
Co-curricular which meets every day during school and after school
- After school schedule:  
All band members Monday and Thursday until 5:15 p.m.  
  
Brass sectionals Tuesday until 4:15 p.m.  
  
Woodwind sectionals Wednesday until 4:15 p.m.  
  
Percussion sectionals Tuesday and Wednesday until 5:00 p.m.  
  
*Schedule is subject to change*
- 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 may be held 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.



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HIGH SCHOOL

## 2021-22 Clubs



- Anime Club
- Art Therapy Club
- Art with a Heart Club
- Book Club
- Business Club
- Chess Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Crochet Club
- Dance Team
- Diversity in Society Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- Environmental Club
- French Club
- Gold Standard A Cappella
- Health Careers Club
- In The Know Team
- Investment Club
- Italian Club
- Latin Club
- Mock Trial Team
- Morgan's Message Club
- Nintendo Club
- Paso a Paso Club
- Philosophy Club
- Prayer Club
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Spanish Club
- Spikeball Club
- Stand Together Club
- Technology Club
- Triathlon Club

