Bishop Watterson High School

New Family SURVIVAL GUIDE

2026-2027

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. 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 when the next "Watterson wear" dress down day bill be) 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**



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, either call the school (614) 268-8671 or email attendance@bwhs.org between 7:30-8:30 a.m. each day. For the sake of our students and staff, please 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 discouraged.

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

1) Parent emails attendance@bwhs.org or writes a note with the following information:
   - Student first & last 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, Heather Law, Ryan Schwieterman '01, Darren Smith '05, and the Dean of Students Vince Lombardo. You can find contact information for these administrators as well as our department directors and chaplain, on the website: *About >Administration*. We have a complete staff contact list here: *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.

Sports gear that students need after school is to be stowed in a location designated by the Athletic Director, traditionally in the balcony overlooking the auxiliary 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. with the exception of Wednesdays. On Wednesday, school starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 1:48 p.m. The schedule will sometimes fluctuate due to state testing or finals. The in-school schedule will occasionally fluctuate due to all-school Masses, assemblies or extended homeroom.

BUILDING HOURS

The building opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes three hours after dismissal. Students who are waiting for rides after school must wait in the cafeteria unless they are with a coach or meeting with a teacher.

BUSING



Students in the following school districts can receive busing to Bishop Watterson: Columbus*, Dublin and Hilliard. Worthington is no longer providing service.

Links to the district sites can be found at bishopwatterson.com *>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. Reach out to 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 post the cancellation and post on social media. In reality, the kids always seem to know first … must be because of the spoons under pillows and inside-out pajamas.

CALENDAR



Click *Calendar* button in the header of the website. On your phone click on the white V at the top of your screen to access the calendar. The default view is by month but you can also view by list (schedule) and week.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Our Campus Ministry Center, accessed by walking through the cafeteria on the kitchen end, offers students opportunities to participate in small faith groups as well as leadership training. We offer daily opportunities to engage with our faith that include Prayer Club meetings or Mass.

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



A food drive and a monetary toy drive are typically held during the holiday season. For the past few years we have done a diaper drive in the spring. Charitable projects can differ each year depending on what suggestions the students present.

CLUB DAY

We will hold a Club Day, usually during first quarter, 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 COURSES

Students can take Advanced Placement (AP) courses that may count as college credit. Bishop Watterson offers many AP courses for which students may test and apply for credit at their chosen colleges.

Additionally, 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: >*Academics*.

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

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 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 **Bishop 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. We use the parent emails provided when you registered your child.

In the event that you accidentally delete the email, we archive them on our website: >*About* >*Stay Informed*.

If it seems the weekly email didn't arrive, check your spam and other folders. Sometimes internet service providers push our bulk emails there. One option to avoid this is to "whitelist" emails from bwhs.org. This might also be referred to as making bwhs.org emails approved senders. Your internet service

provider can give you instructions.

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. Teachers are available to students for 30 minutes before and after school each day, so encourage your students to stop by when they have questions, need help, etc.
If you then need to email, the teacher and staff email addresses can be found on the website >About>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 helpful tool.

With Students

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 7th period. This is when sports rainouts and the occasional casual dress day will be announced.

Student Council has been producing a weekly email for students, sent on Monday morning, called *News from the Nest*.

Social Media

Bishop Watterson has an active presence on Instagram, Facebook, and X, 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!

Instagram: @BishopWatterson

X: @BishopWatterson

Facebook: Bishop Watterson High School

CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are offered twice a year, in the fall and winter. However, parents are encouraged to reach out earlier if you have concerns. Scheduling is done online and in 10-minute increments. Dates are on the calendar; watch for signup information in Watterson Wednesday News.

COUNSELORS



Counselors provide academic, personal, social and college/career support. We also have a Student Wellness Counselor who is a licensed clinical counselor and a School Psychologist. If you need help or have a question you should reach out to your child's assigned counselor.

Counselor Communication

- A wealth of information will be communicated each fall at the grade level parent meeting. Plan to mark your calendars as dates are sent out.
- Counselors will share updates for families in the Watterson Wednesday News.
- Counselors will share updates for students via Schoology, Scoir, News From The Nest, and the school television screens.
- Students will have the opportunity to interact with counselors in classroom lessons, small group sessions, and individual student meetings.
- Students can make appointments with their school counselor to ask general questions or to discuss personal concerns, academic challenges, and college and career planning. Appointments may be scheduled in study hall, lunch or before / after school. Students will do so online. On our website: >Academics >School Counselors.
- Parents are encouraged to contact their students' school counselor at anytime with questions or concerns.
- A wealth of information can be found on our website: >Academics >Counseling Services.

9th Grade School Counselor

Jenny Sponseller, mrs.sponseller@bwhs.org

10th - 12th Grade School Counselors

Zach Johnson, mr.johnson@bwhs.org
Samantha Zirkle, mrs.zirkle@bwhs.org
Tom Woodford, twoodford@bwhs.org

Mandy Fontaine, mfontaine@bwhs.org

Dominican Program Students School Counselor and Student Wellness Counselor

- Savanna Gazdik, sgazdik@bwhs.org

DANCES



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

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: >*Student Life*.

You will see polo shirts on the boys during first and fourth quarters. During second and third quarters 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 first and fourth quarters, 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 overall favorite.

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

A new unisex sweatshirt from the Eagle Store has been added to the uniform options.

A list of uniform stores is on the website >Student Life >Forms & Flyers.

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 have faculty in-service meetings or department meetings. Students will also be released early during semester finals, around 12:30 p.m.

FINAL FORMS



All students and parents need to complete Final Forms for all required start-of-year emergency and medical documentation, handbook acceptance, etc. Final Forms is also used by our Athletic Department (see page 11).

FINALS



First and Third Quarter Finals

First- and third-quarter final exams for core classes are administered over a five-day span during the regular class periods (45 minutes).

First and Second Semester Finals

Non-core semester finals are given over a five-day period the week before semester finals. Semester finals are given over a four-day period and are 90 minutes in length. Students take two exams each day, scheduled by class periods, and are dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

Please check the calendar for our finals schedule closely and plan vacations accordingly. These dates were also shared in the Wednesday News throughout the spring. 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.

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 Heather Law, hlaw@bwhs.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.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Freshman Orientation will be the first day of school. On August 19 freshmen only will attend, in full uniform, and dismissal will be at 1:48 p.m. The cafeteria will be open for students to purchase lunch or students are also welcome to bring their lunches.

FRESHMAN PARENT MEETING



The next Class of 2029 Freshman Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the main gymnasium. The Eagle Store will be open at 4:00 p.m.

FUNDRAISING

The **Annual Eagle Fund** provides essential, unrestricted support that covers the school's operating expenses, playing a crucial role in maintaining stability and long-term sustainability.

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.

Additionally, Bishop Watterson participates in the **Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund** of the Diocese of Columbus, a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) recognized by the state of Ohio. Ohio taxpayers donating to this fund, designating Bishop Watterson High School, can receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Ohio taxable income. For more information on this program, on our website: >Support >State Tax Credit SGO.

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

GRANDPARENTS DAY



The 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 on the *Student Life* menu.

HEALTH OFFICE

We have forms posted on our website for various health conditions such as allergies, seizures, diabetes, etc. On bishopwatterson.com go to >Student Life >Health Office

HOMECOMING/SPIRIT WEEK

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.

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 a Homecoming Honoree

2026 Homecoming Festivities: September 18-19.

It is common for Student Council to propose a Spirit Week during the fall with daily dress down themes such as jersey, pajama, feeder school, superhero, luau, or twin day. This varies as it could align with Homecoming or another football game such as St. Francis DeSales.

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 >Student Life.

For reference, the hot meal cost was between $6.50-$7.50 for 2025-26. Bishop Watterson does not offer free or reduced lunch pricing.

The cafeteria does not serve a full meal on semester final exam days.
Students can pack a lunch on those days. Sometimes the cafeteria will sell snacks during finals.

We use an electronic payment system. Directions for adding funds to your child's account can be found on our website >Student Life >Lunch Menu. If a student has a deficit of $10 or more no further purchases will be allowed so please keep your child's account funded if your child is buying lunch.

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. 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.

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.

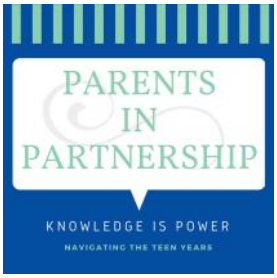
POWERSCHOOL

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

PSAT DAY

Freshmen take the PreACT on a date TBD this fall. 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.

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, or in neighboring business lots. (Yes, the office gets calls about cars parked where they should not be parked.)** 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 August 24-28. 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. 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!

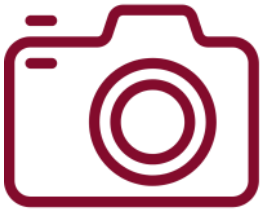
Disclaimer: we do not know themes for 2026 yet.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Every Bishop Watterson family is eligible to apply for an EdChoice scholarship from the state of Ohio. For more information on this program, on our website: Admissions >EdChoice.

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

2026 Dates

Picture Day: Monday, August 24

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. 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 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 about projects that require application during the spring or summer, 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.

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: >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: >Student Life >Faith & Service >Service.

SPIRITUAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are welcome to attend all-school Masses; dates are found on the calendar. Masses usually begin at 10:30 a.m.



Allow extra time to park (carpool if possible) 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 regularly on some Wednesdays; parents are welcome and a signup link will be shared in Wednesday News.

Our chaplain, Fr. Sam Severance '14, says Mass on Mondays and Fridays at 7:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration is held on Wednesdays. Parents who have completed Protecting God's Children are welcome to sign up for a holy hour 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

Families can contact counselors to assist in supporting the students strengthening their study skills. BWHS also offers a study skills course August 12 from 9:00-Noon, taught by Dr. Julie Sentelle, our school psy-chologist. The cost is $40. To register, go to our website >Student Life >Forms & Flyers.

STUDY HALL

Most 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

Did you know that even the presence of an individual's cell phone significantly reduces cognitive ability? Cell phones are to 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 and please do not text your children during the school day!

Laptops

All students will be issued a school-owned Windows laptop for both home and school use. 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.

Securly Classroom Management

Bishop Watterson utilizes Securly Classroom Management Software for more efficient online testing, as well as ensuring that students stay on-task during their class time. Securly 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 Securly. 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.

TUITION

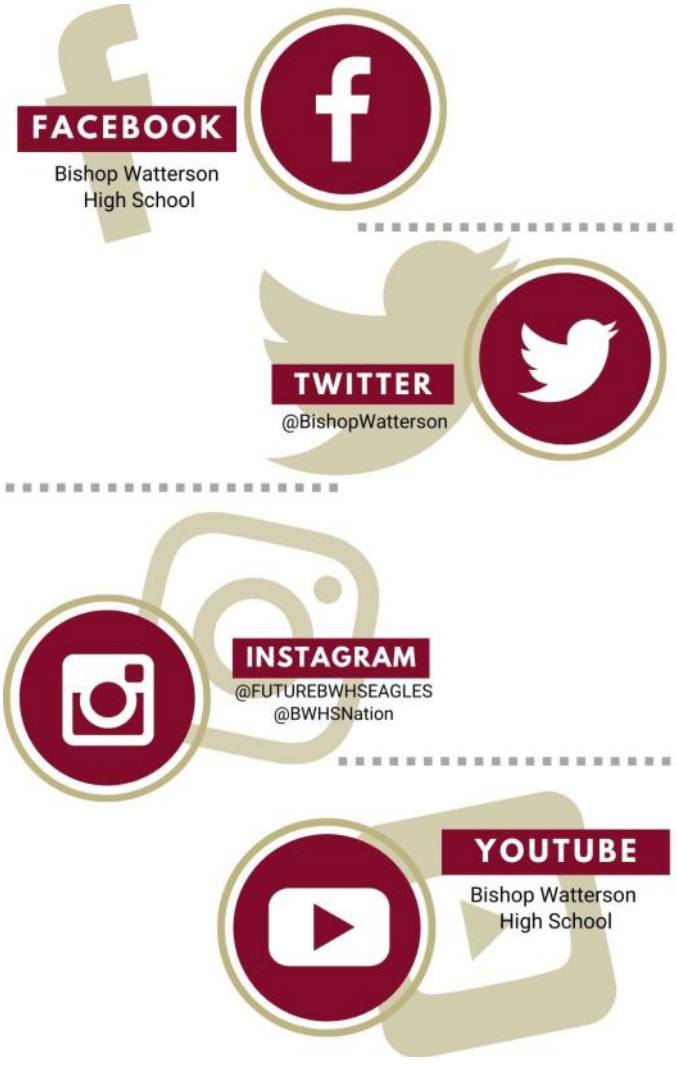
Tuition rates and payment options can be found on the website: >Admissions >Tuition.
The state of Ohio has now expanded the EdChoice Scholarship Program to include all students in non-public schools, regardless of your assigned public school or income. We encourage all families to apply for this program. Please see complete instructions on our website: >Admissions >EdChoice.

On your bill you will notice the Building Facility Fee of $300/student and a Technology Fee of $200/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 participate in extracurricular activities and take semester finals in December and must be paid in full in order to take end-of-year finals. Please read the Student Handbook for more details.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mothers' Club, teams and activities will have opportunities to voluntter. Watch Wednesday News and team/group emails for volunteer opportunities.



GET YOUR RED & GOLD GEAR TWO WAYS!

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

BISHOP WATTERSON EAGLES

EAGLE STORE hours will be listed in Watterson Wednesday News.

For official sports or arts-specific merchandise shipped straight to your door, go to our ONLINE SPIRIT STORE: https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/organizations/bishop-watterson

Items are different than in the Eagle Store.

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 $250-450 with a family maximum of $1,100 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

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.

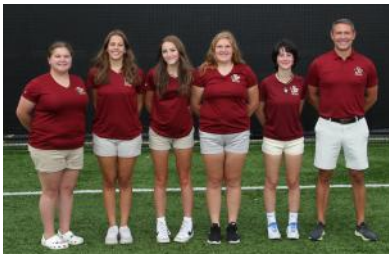
Summer Hours:

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 physician Dr. Doug DiOrio '86.

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, Mr. 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.

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. All students are expected to follow the dress code in the *Student Handbook*.



TRANSPORTATION

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

CHOIR

Students in our choir program will be required to take part in after school hours performances, typically two concerts each semester which may be on– or off-campus.

Students have the opportunity to participate in choir beginning freshman year. Courses are either year-long or semester-long and include mixed choir, women's choir, men's choir, handbell I or intro to guitar. Students can then move on to concert choir or handbell II.



THEATRE

Our Little Theatre presents a Fall Drama and a Spring Musical each year.

All students are welcome to get involved by performing or by serving as stage crew. Tryout information is announced in school.

Typically there are dress rehearsals followed by five performances scheduled in the evening or on Sunday afternoon. We frequently have a daytime performance offered to feeder school 8th graders on a Friday during the show time frame.

A summer camp for grade school students offers an opportunity for high school students to assist and teach.

Director: Liz O'Dorisio ‘87

bwhslittletheatre@gmail.com

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Little Theatre

BAND

MARCHING BAND

- Graded course/ Co-curricular which meets every day during school and after school
- After school schedule:

WINDS
Monday: no brass/winds practice
Tuesday: brass, winds sectionals until 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday: full band rehearsal until 4:15 p.m.
Thursday: full band rehearsal until 5:15 p.m.
Friday: full band rehearsal only if no game, until 5:30 p.m.

PERCUSSION
Monday: percussion until 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday: percussion until 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: with full band until 4:15 p.m.
Thursday: with full band until 5:15 p.m.
Friday: full band rehearsal only if no game, until 5:30 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:

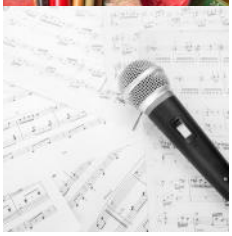
- Pep Band: performs at most boys' home basketball games
- Pit Orchestra: performs for the spring musical
- Small ensembles: performs at OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest in the winter

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

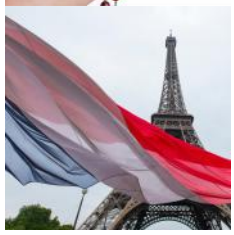














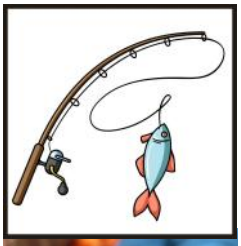




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2025-26 Clubs

Art Therapy Club
Book Club
BWHS Newspaper
Business Club
Crochet Club
Dance Team*
Diversity Club
Eagles Against Alzheimer's & Dementia Club
Environmental Club
Fishing Club
French Club
Girl Thriving
Harry Potter Club
In The Know Team
Latin Club
Mock Trial Team*
Movie Club
Painting Club
Ping Pong Club
Political Pen
Prayer Club
Robotics Club
Saint Vincent DePaul Club
Sisters of Strength
Spanish Club
Spikeball Club
Worship Band

















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