

BRYAN

City Schools

SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

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Mark Rairigh,
Superintendent

Calamity Day Updates

Old Man Winter decided to give NW Ohio a visit in the recent weeks and according to the infamous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil we still have a few more weeks of winter!

As of this print date BCS has five (5) remaining calamity days and five (5) 2-hour delays that can be utilized before students would go beyond the minimum attendance requirements for a school year. Although we hope that our weather patterns do not cause us to cancel school 5 more days, we do have to prepare for this possibility. **In doing so we wish to prepare in a manner that does not cause any change to our school calendar.**

If BCS would need to cancel school beyond the 5 remaining days BCS would do the following:

1. Any school cancellation day beyond our required attendance limit would result in the district hosting a REMOTE LEARNING DAY in the event of a cancellation.
2. This would mean that students would be expected to complete remote assignments that count toward attendance on a day school is closed for bad weather.

Here are the Remote learning expectations should this ever happen:

1. BCS will begin sending chromebooks home with ALL students if/when we only have 1-2 calamity days remaining to help ensure we are prepared.
2. Teachers would post assignments to online learning platforms by 10:00am of the closed school day.
3. Teachers would provide students "help sessions" at specified times throughout the day to assist students with work (if needed).
4. Students would be provided 3 school days to complete the assignments and to submit for credit, which would count for attendance.

Again, BCS will only implement this model if we cancel more than 5 days of school from this print date. This plan would keep our school year calendar as is. If we begin to approach the need to implement this plan many notifications will be sent.

VACCINATION UPDATES

On Friday, February 12 ALL Williams County School personnel who desired to receive the COVID vaccine were administered the first dose. Bryan City Schools was very pleased to offer its facilities as the host site for the vaccination process and the day was completed in a very smooth fashion. The process was a true testament to the community, school, and Williams County Health Department collaboration that is ongoing as we continue to move forward through the stages of this pandemic.

On **Friday, March 12** all school staff who desire to receive the COVID vaccine will be administered the second dose. This date meets the 28 day requirement between the 1st and 2nd dose of the vaccine. This will again be completed right here on our BCS campus as our MS/HS will be the host site. This date is also a scheduled staff in-service date, meaning no school for students was already planned, so there are no impacts to the school calendar.

We thank the Williams County Health Department for their continued efforts and partnership throughout the vaccination process.

We are also thankful that we can provide our facilities to assist with this county-wide plan.

IMPORTANT DISTRICT DATES

March 12 - No School for Students - Teacher Inservice

March 15-19 - Spring Break

April 2 - No School - Good Friday

April 5 - No School for Students - Teacher Inservice

May 27 - Early Release at 1:15pm - Last Student Day

FINANCIAL CORNER

State Foundation Funding Increases

Gov. Mike DeWine on Friday, January 22, signed [an executive order](#) partially restoring K-12 payments for districts and formalizing a \$390 million state spending cut for FY 2021. Since the beginning of FY 2021, foundation aid payments were made at reduced FY 2020 levels as a result of the FY 2020 cuts ordered in May of 2020. As a result of this new order, K-12 education will see a net \$140 million reduction for fiscal year (FY) 2021, as opposed to a \$300 million reduction for FY 2020. **With this order BCS will receive an additional \$174,842 than originally expected. This is still \$143,957 less than the amount we were originally supposed to receive under the biennium budget. This increases our BCS State Foundation payment from the originally scheduled amount of \$7,290,777 to \$7,465,619.**

COVID Relief Funds - BCS set to receive \$1.12 mil

BCS has received notice that we will be receiving \$1.12 million in stimulus/relief funds. THIS IS GREAT NEWS for our district. These relief funds will be utilized diligently to help offset operating expenditures related to our deficit spending. BCS will apply for the relief funds with the expectation to receive them during this fiscal year.

2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR

During the spring of 2020 Bryan City Schools adopted calendars for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school years. As we progress into 2021 please be sure to review the upcoming school year calendars. The calendars are available to view by clicking the appropriate year:

[2020-2021 School Year Calendar\(Current School Year\)](#)

[2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#)

[2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#)

NEW BCS APP



Check out the NEW BCS App! Click the logo for details on how to download!

BCS RECEIVES PURPLE STAR RECOGNITION

On behalf of the Purple Star Advisory Board and the Ohio Department of Education, it is with great honor and pleasure that Bryan Elementary & Bryan Middle/High School have received the Purple Star Designation!

The Purple Star Award for military-friendly schools recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation’s military.

BCS is excited to continue to work with our military families and support them through their journey!



Supporting Military Families

IS YOUR FAMILY IN NEED?

Does your student need a winter coat, gloves, or hat? Could your family use some extra food? If so, please visit [THIS WEBSITE](#) and BCS is ready to help!

COVID-19 DATA

COVID continues to be heavily monitored by Bryan City Schools. Continuing with in-person learning and giving our students the opportunity to participate in our extra-curricular activities remains the focus each and every day. We will continue to send district wide COVID updates when applicable and we encourage you to do your part in the community to help keep our students and community safe.

**Click [HERE](#) to view BCS COVID data.

**Click [HERE](#) to reference County COVID data and relevant information.