# STATE OF OUR

# SCHOOLS



# **REPORT 2023-24**

For the past 8 years (excluding 2020 when the assessment was not given due to COVID), Brownsburg Community School Corporations has been the highest performing school corporation in Indiana as measured by Indiana's state assessment, ILEARN. This achievement is a point of pride for the Brownsburg community. Beyond academics, our students are tops in the state in many other areas!



- BHS Boys Track & Field Team took home the Bulldog's first ever IHSAA team State Championship last June.
- The boys 4x100 relay team of Cooper, Handy, Heldman, and Calhoun set a new state record as they captured first place.
- Dominic Calhoun is also the State Champ in the 200 while finishing second in the 100.
- The Girls Track & Field Team finished 7th as a team while the 4x100 relay team of Rice, Neal, Smith, and Kirtz took the State title.
- BHS Wrestling claimed third as a team at the IHSAA Wrestling State Tournament. Senior Leighton Jones was the State Champion Heavyweight, sophomore Jake Hockaday was the State Champ at 120lbs (his 2nd), Freshman Revin Dickman claimed the 106lb weight class.
- In Performing Arts, the BHS Univoice Choirs, Starlight and Bel Canto, won another State Championship in May, their 7th.
- The BHS Winter Guard was also the State Champion in the Open Class.
- **BHS broadcasting students** were tops in the state in 2023 in Live vent Broadcast and Corporate video.
- 25 BHS DECA students placed first in the state competition last spring.

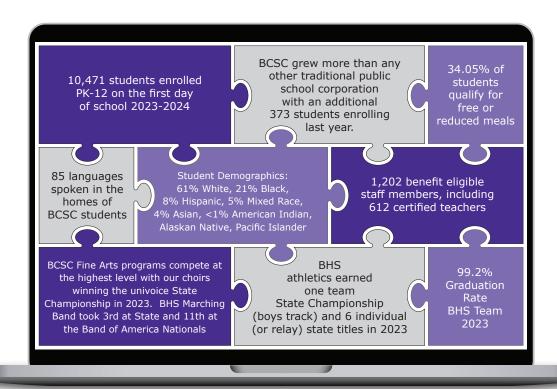




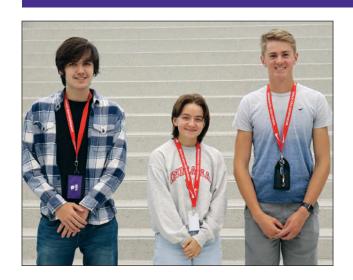
Boys track & field team, girls 4x100 relay team, Dominic Calhoun, boys 4x100 relay team, Revin Dickman, Leighton Jones, Jake Hockaday, Winter Guard, BHS Broadcasting students, Starlight - Bel Canto Choir

Registration for 2024-2025 School Year Opens February 12, 2024 at www.brownsburg.k12.in.us

# WHO WE ARE\_



#### **COLLEGE BOARD RECOGNIZES BHS STUDENTS**



Congratulations to these students who have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in the PSAT.

1.5 million high school students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT. BHS seniors Tiffany Thurman, Sam Dietz and Collin Mendenhall (left) were named National Merit Semifinalists.

#### PROFILE OF A BHS GRADUATE







The College Board organization also recognized BHS juniors and seniors with the National African American Recognition Award, National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award, or National Indigenous Award. Congratulations to: Aliou Jalloh, Audrey Flynn, Ayomide Jeje, Bijou Gohoure, Camila Perez Cano, Chosen Jegede, Chris-Alvin Seneque, Davin Pearson, Evan Ruiz, Ghati Runana, Gwen Cottrell, Jadon Day, Janiyah Lewis, Jorden Spiller, Joshua Cuevas, Joshua Handy, Kaela Wilson, Lindsay Scott, Manuela Ahon, Mary Welde, Milcah Tesfay, Nyla Edmonson, Nyla Benson, Yves Guelce.

These BHS seniors (right) were also recognized by College Board as Commended Scholars. They placed among the top 50,000 students in the 2022 PSAT. Congratulations: Aahan Bajpai, Addison Charles, Mary McCluskey, Evan Nitka, Lucas Steffey, Savannah Tryan, Lauren Turner, Alexander Weldy, Nolan Wickett, and Ava Yochum.

#### **BHS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WELL UNDERWAY**

After the projects were approved by the BCSC Board of School Trustees on February 27, 2023, work began at BHS. The projects currently underway will increase the total number of teaching stations at BHS from 177 to 221, a 25% increase. This work will be completed with no tax rate increase to Brownsburg taxpayers. BCSC has lowered the school tax rate for 12 consecutive years, an 11% decrease since 2012.

The ditch relocation project was completed in the summer of 2023 and allowed the additional projects to move forward. The anticipated completion date for the overall project is December 2026.

#### Building projects currently underway:

- Renovation & Expansion of Senior Academy
- Relocation and Expansion of Senior Academy Cafeteria & Dining Room
- Connection of Senior Academy to Main Building on 2nd Floor
- Addition of new Fieldhouse Facility
- Renovation of 2003 Pool Facility

#### Still to come:

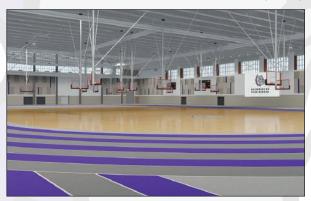
- Renovation of 2001 Varsity Gymnasium
- Addition of a Tennis Facility
- Practice football/Lacrosse/band field relocated
- · Band practice area relocated

The BHS Senior Academy was originally built for a senior class of 600 in 2006. The expansion will be able to serve classes of 1,000 students.

In addition to the work done on the building, significant site work will be completed to improve the pick-up/drop off procedures at BHS and increase the number of parking spaces. A new parking lot opened just after Thanksgiving and added 600 campus parking spaces.



Rendering of new Senior Academy entrance (above) and the BHS Fieldhouse (below)



Construction on the new fieldhouse facility began in November 2023 on the north side of the building. This new facility will add 4 full size basketball courts and an 8-lane, 200-meter indoor track. BHS is the only high school with over 1,000 students in Hendricks County without a fieldhouse facility and the last school in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference to add this space. Avon and Plainfield have been utilizing their fieldhouse facilities for nearly 20 years. The current gym has two additional auxiliary

gyms. With 600 students taking physical education at BHS each day, these spaces are consistently full.

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## BCSC TEACHER AND STAFF OF THE YEAR, MILESTONE FOR STUCKER

Each May, BCSC celebrates the Teacher and Staff Appreciation event honoring the staff and teachers of the year in each school and department. East Middle School's Teacher of the Year, Dean Nelson (near right) was chosen as the overall BCSC Teacher of the Year. Nelson has taught at BCSC since 1989 sharing his math knowledge with hundreds of 7th & 8th grade students over the years. During his tenure he also coached girls basketball and softball and both boys and girls middle school golf and track.





Delaware Trail Staff Member of the Year, Barb Thomas (far right) was chosen as BCSC Staff Member of the Year. She works as the school's treasurer and has since 2019. Barb also served West Middle School as their administrative assistant from 2013-2016. She was also chosen as West's Staff Member of the Year in 2014.



At the beginning of this school year, BCSC also paused to celebrate Joe Stucker's 40 years of service. The longtime BHS psychology teacher continues to inspire students in the classroom. Stucker (left) also coached Bulldogs in baseball at various levels throughout his career.

#### **NEW TOOLS HELP PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MANAGE** THEIR COMMUNICATION AND REPORT SAFETY CONCERNS

At the start of the 23-24 school year, Brownsburg Schools implemented a powerful tool for school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and quardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with BCSC. ParentSquare also includes communication channels for students in grade 6-12. StudentSquare allows students to receive important school information and messages from teachers, coaches, directors and club sponsors.

Also this year, BCSC introduces the STOPit. This mobile app and online tool empowers any student to anonymously report school safety issues and reach out for help if they or a friend are facing a personal crisis or experiencing situations such as bullying, theft, mental health concerns, violence, harassment, substance abuse or any other student safety concern. This app is available to students, staff, and families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Scan the QR codes for more information.



ParentSquare



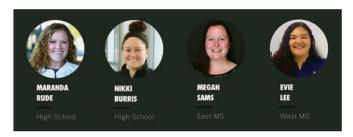
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#### PARTNERS IN OUR COMMUNITY



Brownsburg Schools continues to receive significant support from community partners and the local business community in Brownsburg who are always ready to give time, talent, and treasure to help our schools.

One of these partners, **Hendricks Regional Health (HRH)**, directs the BCSC
Health Services Department with a Health
Services Supervisor that facilitates the
department and the HRH substitute nurses that
care for students in our clinics. Last summer
HRH donated the hospital beds and tables for
the Pre-Nursing program at Area 31 at Harris
(more below). HRH also has partnered with



Brownsburg Athletics for the last nine years to provide athletic training services. BCSC has four HRH athletic trainers with one at each of the middle schools and two at BHS. BCSC student-athletes have access to excellent care in our community. The sports medicine physicians, physical therapists and



orthopedic surgeons at Hendricks Regional Health provide a continuum of care to treat pain effectively, build strength, and prevent future injury. In addition to their sponsorship of BHS Athletics and several other programs in the district, **Bill Estes Automotive** continues to support students, staff, and families.

#### **AREA 31 AT HARRIS ACADEMY**

Since 1983, Brownsburg High School students have enrolled in technical and career education classes through Area 31. As student interest in those programs have increased, it became difficult for students in our growing district to secure a spot in the programs. BCSC stepped forward to offer more opportunities by hosting three Area 31 programs at Harris Academy this year. 170 students from BHS, as well as Avon, Cascade, Danville, Monrovia, Mooresville, and Tri-West, are now engaged in Medical Assisting, Criminal Justice, and Cyber Security programs right here in Brownsburg.



Harris Academy also continues to offer credit-deficient BHS students a chance to catch up on a more expedited, flexible schedule to acheve their goals of graduating high school.





## BHS CONSTRUCTION (continued from page 4)

BHS is home of the defending IHSAA boys state track champions. The boys and girls BHS track and field program is one of the largest and most successful in the state. During the indoor portion of their season, the teams practice in the current BHS hallways and are unable to host a home meet.

The current facilities also support students in other programs like winter percussion and color guard. In order to simulate their competitive environments, they also schedule rehearsals in the current gym.

Travel sports are a big part of the lives of the families in Brownsburg. Without a fieldhouse facility, Brownsburg families are often traveling out of town or out of the county for games. This takes dollars out of our community and away from our local businesses. The new fieldhouse facility will allow BCSC to better support our local grassroots youth sports organizations.

The BHS pool opened in 2003 and will be undergoing some much needed renovations. The upgrades include:

- Expansion of the pool to 25 yards wide, 50 meters in length, with 10 lanes
- Replacement of pool equipment, including bulkheads, diving boards, starting blocks, ladders, etc.
- · Replacement of pool filtration equipment
- · Replacement of spectator seating
- Replacement of lighting and installation of new HVAC equipment to improve pool room environment



Rendering of Senior Academy cafe

Again, the anticipated completion date for the overall project is December 2026.

## **CROSSROADS WELCOMES FIRST CLASS**

Crossroads Elementary, the newest elementary school in Brownsburg, opened on time for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. Crossroads is also the largest elementary at BCSC with 617 students. The staff is made up of seven teachers who are new to Brownsburg Schools and thirty teachers who transferred to Crossroads from the other Brownsburg elementary schools.



### **2024 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES**

The regular monthly business meeting of the Brownsburg Board of School Trustees typically occurs on the second Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Board Room of the F.L. O'Neal Administration Office at 310 Stadium Drive, unless otherwise noted. (Enter Door #7) Notifications of special-called meetings or changes in meeting times, dates and/or locations will be posted accordingly. Monthly Board Work Sessions are also open to the public. Dates below, locations vary and can be found online.

#### **Regular Business Meetings**

January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 11, December 9

#### **Board Work Sessions**

January 22, February 26, April 22, August 26, September 23, November 25



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