



BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Being a positive and lasting influence for all!



BAND DIRECTOR

We are so very lucky to have such a talented musician and teacher share his love of music with our band students. Through group and individual lessons, the summer band program, concerts, and performances, Mr. Murphy helps students open doors and create opportunities through music.

Thank you, Mr. Murphy!



Friday, December 15, 2023

Dear Bristol Families,

Bristol's assigned elves, Milkshake and Sundae, caught on camera! Review the important upcoming announcements.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **12/15/23 - Today is the last day to order spirit wear!** Order at <https://bristolgear2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>!
- **Now - 12/19/23 - Bristol's Blizzard of Kindness Returns!** Bristol families and staff that would like to donate kids/teens heavy warm gloves, winter headbands, kids/teens pajamas/pants, sport hats, makeup kits, card games, LOL dolls & accessories, arts/craft kits, legos, stocking stuffers, coloring books/crayons, portable phone chargers, headphones/earbuds, body wash, lip balm, instant oatmeal and Christmas wrapping paper/tape, to the Sharing Center are invited to grab a snowflake from the School Office, decorate it, sign it and return it with the unwrapped gift by Dec. 19th!
- **12/18/23-12/21/23 - Student Council Holiday Spirit Week Begins!** All holiday attire should stick to the Bristol School dress code.

Monday, 12/18/23	Tuesday, 12/19/23	Wednesday, 12/20/23	Thursday, 12/21/23
Wear their holiday pajamas or comfy holiday wear!	Wear holiday socks and shoes!	Find a twin and match your holiday gear!	Wear their holiday headwear: hats and headbands!

- **CORRECTION! 12/19/23 - 5th-8th Grade Band Concert at 7pm in the Large Gym:** Please use all parking lots and playgrounds before street parking. We will have doors open to access the building for concerts that are accessible from parking lots and playgrounds. The back playground can be accessed by coming in on 203rd Ave or using the service drive at the south end of the Hwy 45 parking lot.
- **12/20/23 - 7th & 8th Grade Band and Choir will perform at Gurnee Mills Mall at 10am**
- **12/20/23 - Regular Board Meeting begins at 4:30pm:** This meeting will be held in the Large Group Instruction room also called the LGI (previously where the District Office was located). Please park in the 45 parking lot and enter through Door 13.
- **12/22/23 - 1/1/24 - Winter Break! No School & Offices are closed!**
- **1/2/24 - Students return to school - First day of school in 2024!**
- **1/2/24 - Board of Education Campaign Registration Statement and Declaration of Candidacy due to Bristol District Office by 5pm**

Important Reminders:

- **NEW! Nurse Important Reminders:** Recently, we have seen an influx of the stomach flu. Please do not send your child to school if they have had diarrhea or vomiting in the last 24 hours. We have also had an influx in strep amongst other illnesses. If your child has required the use of fever reducing medications, they may return to school once their symptoms have subsided for 24 hours after the last dose. [Please review this graphic to help you determine when your child stays home and when they can come back to school.](#)
- **NEW! Pokemon Cards:** When we return from Winter Break, all Pokemon cards should be kept home. We have been losing valuable instruction and learning time because students who have lost cards or binders become disconnected from their class or their teachers because they want to go find them. There has also been a significant increase in students who want school staff to address a card trade that the student regrets making.
- **NEW! Timber Ridge Family Event:** The Bristol Athletics Booster Club is hosting a winter event for families at Timber Ridge Lodge and Water Park in Lake Geneva! For more information on how to reserve your tickets, please click on the following link: [Timber Ridge Event](#)
- **NEW! Greater Kenosha Community ATODA Committee Poster Contest:** All Kenosha County students pre-K-12th gr. have an opportunity to participate in the Greater Kenosha Community ATODA Committee poster contest. The committee promotes living a positive, healthy, safe, and drug-free life. Students are taking time during school counseling lessons this month and last to learn more about the contest and to work on their posters. If you have questions or if you do not want your child's poster submitted for the contest, please contact your child's school counselor before 1/12/2024. Posters are due to school counselors by 1/15/24.
- **REMINDER! Bus Pick-Up:** As per the student handbook, all bus-riding students must be on time and standing at their designated pickups. If families are keeping their children in the car prior to bus pick up, the child(ren) should be moving towards the designated pick up location prior to the bus stopping. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- **REMINDER! Drop-Off Procedures:** Please remember the safety of all of our students and staff during drop off and pick up. Your attention to what is going on around you while students are leaving and entering the school is important. Please put your phones down when navigating the school parking lot. If you are dropping off or picking up students on the north side of the building by door #2, the only place students should be getting out of a car that is not in a parking spot is in our staging line. Drivers should not be letting students out to walk through the parking lot unsupervised.

Holiday Community Resources:

- **Holiday Meals Available!** [The Sharing Center](#) has food for holiday meals, including turkey, ham, roast, potatoes, yams, fresh vegetables, milk, butter, bread, and desserts for any family who visits the center from now until 12/22/23! [Here is a comprehensive list of resources and services the Sharing Center provides!](#) Have questions? Call 262-298-5535 or email director@thesharingcenter.net.

Celebrations!

- **Student Council!** Kudos to Bristol's Student Council for their outstanding efforts this school year! Their spectacular food drive collected 2,005 pounds of donations for the Sharing Center, and today's blood drive had 39 pre-scheduled appointments, and their collaboration with Westosha Central's Advanced Marketing Class for the Penny Grade Wars in support of the Wagner Fire Fund. Well done for making our community shine with these fantastic events!
- **Bristol's Advanced Band Players Bucks' Half-court Performance:** A spectacular showcase of teamwork unfolded at this week's Bucks Game, where 52 of our Advanced Band and selected 6th grade band players, led by Mr. Murphy, dazzled a crowd of over 17,000 people. From performing the Star-Spangled Banner at half court to delivering energetic pep band music courtside, this collaborative effort, supported by the business office, school administration and office staff, dedicated band players, and enthusiastic parents (purchasing 186 Bristol tickets), truly stole the show!
- **Concerts!** A sincere thank you to our dedicated staff for orchestrating our December concerts with passion and excellence and our custodians for their behind-the-scenes contributions. To all the parents and family members who attended, your support added a special touch to the performances. Lastly, a big thanks to everyone for showing respect to our neighbors and maintaining the positive atmosphere in our building throughout the events. Your collective efforts made our December concerts truly memorable!
- **Central High School Band, Choir, and Jazz Ensemble performances for Bristol 4th - 8th-grade students during the school day:** A heartfelt thank you to the talented students and dedicated staff of Central High School's Band, Choir, and Jazz Ensemble for their captivating performances for Bristol's 4th-8th grade students. We are grateful for the joy and inspiration you brought to our school community. Bravo!

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