



School Matters

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools

"Where all students are challenged to learn and inspired to dream"

2019-2020 Issue 1



Building Project Update

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools are excited with the progress being made on the building project. Level 100 concrete walls are being poured, and masons are laying block in preparation for structural steel. Openings can be seen where windows and doors will be located.

For building project updates, please visit our website at www.sbepschools.org and click on the "Building Project" tab.



Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 26th - Hoops for the Holidays - Jr./Sr. HS Gym - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 27th, 28th, & 29th - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 7th - Cookies & Cocoa with Santa - Elmwood Place Elementary - 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 8th - Titan Fan Club Holiday Bazaar - Jr./Sr. HS Cafeteria - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 10th - JH Family Winter Festival & Band Concert - Jr./Sr. HS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12th - Candlelight Concert beginning - Jr./Sr. HS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 14th - Cookies & Cocoa with Santa - St. Bernard Elementary - 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 17th - Titan Fan Club Secret Santa Shop - Elmwood Place Elementary
- Dec. 19th - Titan Fan Club Secret Santa Shop - St. Bernard Elementary
- Dec. 20th - Jan. 3rd - No School - Winter Break
- Jan. 6th - School Reconvenes
- Jan. 10th - Homecoming Basketball Game - Jr./Sr. HS Gym - 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 11th - Homecoming Dance - 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- Jan. 20th - No School - Martin Luther King Holiday
- Jan. 25th - Titan Fan Club Father-Daughter Dance - Elmwood Place Elementary - 6:00-8:00 p.m.





Brian Beiersdorfer



Bret Bohannon

New Faces in the District

- Brian Beiersdorfer - Jr./Sr. High School Secondary Science Teacher
- Bret Bohannon - Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal
 - Ashley Collier - St. Bernard Elementary Speech Language Pathologist
 - Lori Dent - Supervisor of Nursing Services
- Tyler Estep - Elementary Physical Education Teacher
 - Nicholas Hendricks - Treasurer
 - Kathleen McFadden - Director of Curriculum, Literacy & Instruction
- Patricia Niehaus - Jr./Sr. High School Secondary Math Teacher
 - Meghan Parton - Elmwood Place Elementary Math/Science Teacher
 - Robert Phillips - Jr./Sr. High School Custodian
- Daniel Popp - Jr./Sr. High School Social Studies Teacher
 - Donna Roberts - Jr. High School Science Teacher
 - Jenna Ross - Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria
 - Zachary Stakely - High School Athletic Director
- Cara Utrecht - St. Bernard Elementary Math/Science Teacher



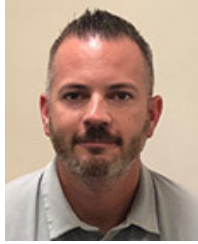
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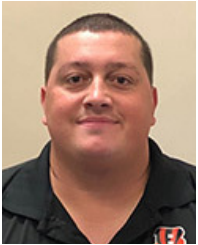
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Jr./Sr. High School news

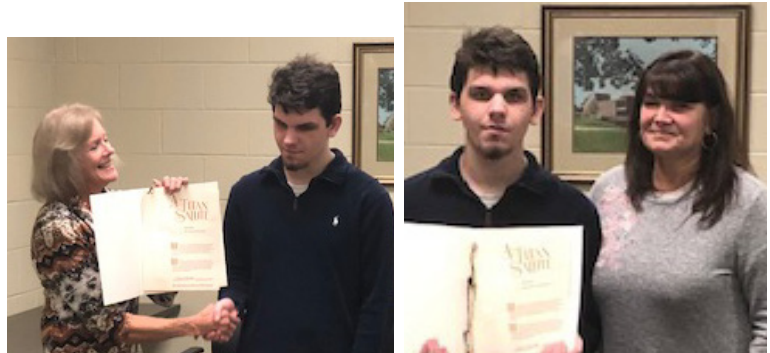


Volley for the Cure 2019

The "Think Pink!" Volley for the Cure 2019 was a great success, as the SBEP Lady Titans hosted the Lady Panthers of Lockland in volleyball. The event raised money to help in the fight against breast cancer. The Lady Titans won the match in three straight games.

College Credit Plus at SBEP High School

Working with Tim Nolan of *HSTW*, SBEP Schools have applied, along with several other SW Ohio school districts, for a College Credit Plus Teacher Credentialing Grant from the Ohio Department of Education. The grant would allow teachers to take additional college coursework in order to qualify as adjuncts to teach college-level courses offered by Sinclair College. Currently, SBEP has 73 student enrollments in 13 different college classes offered at the high school for post-secondary credit.



National Merit Commended Scholar, Justin Johnson

Each October, 1.5 million high school juniors take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). Among these students, the top 3% (50,000 students) are identified for special recognition. The top 16,000 become National Merit Semifinalists, and the remaining 34,000 students are recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars. We are proud to announce that SBEP High School has a Class of 2020 National Merit Commended Scholar: Justin Johnson. We believe Justin is the first Titan ever to receive this recognition. Congratulations to Justin and his family on this significant academic honor!

On Monday, October 28th, St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education presented Justin with a Titan Salute to recognize his tremendous accomplishment.

Congratulations, Mrs. Goettelman!

SBEP Junior High teacher Teri Goettelman was recognized at the annual *High Schools That Work (HSTW)* SW Ohio Administrator Kickoff. She received this honor for her outstanding work as site coordinator and for her leadership in planning the *HSTW* site review visit last fall.

Elmwood Place Elementary news



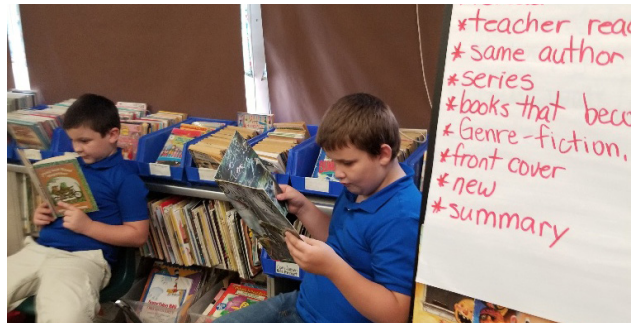
2nd Grade STEM Activity

Mrs. Nixon's second-grade students work in groups on a "hands-on" STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activity in which they must problem solve to build a bridge. They may use two books and other simple classroom materials that are strong enough to hold counters.



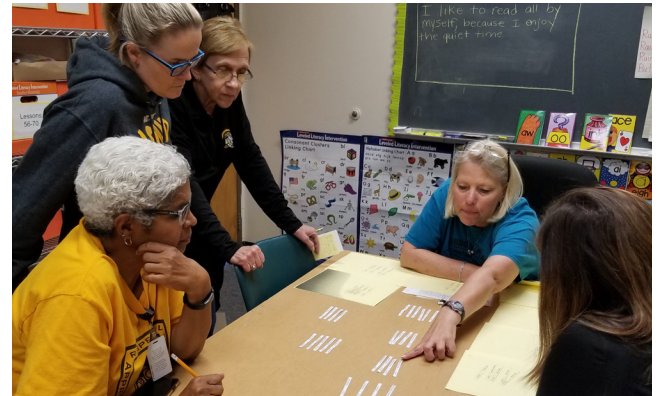
Project Team Reading Collaboration Time

The Project Team reading tutors often collaborate with Mrs. Talie Cann, third-grade teacher, to analyze data and place students into instructional groups in order to provide specific instruction that will improve their reading comprehension. Third-grade students meet daily for 40 minutes in small groups to prepare for the upcoming third-grade Ohio English Language Arts AIR test.



Ways Third Graders Choose Books

Students throughout Elmwood Place Elementary are provided with independent reading time regularly. These students are reading stories from the classroom library, silently, after using the anchor chart, "Ways We Choose Books," generated with the teacher.



Understanding Fictional Settings in Kindergarten

One English Language Arts learning objective for Kindergarten students is that they know the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. These girls are painting the setting for the fictional tale "Jack and The Bean Stalk" to illustrate this concept.

St. Bernard Elementary news



Congressman Steve Chabot's Visit

Congressman Steve Chabot, U.S. Representative from Ohio's First District, visited St. Bernard Elementary on Thursday, October 3rd. Congressman Chabot read a story to grades K-3 and held a question and answer session with grades 4-6. He presented St. Bernard Elementary with a United States flag, which had been flown over the U.S. Capitol, and posed for a group photo with the students.



Students of the Month

September Students of the Month were honored at an assembly on Monday, September 30th. Students received a certificate, which listed their accomplishments, and a Student of the Month medal from the principal. Students of the Month are selected based on different characteristics each month. The characteristics for the month of September were kindness and lending a helping hand.

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Schools searching for children with disabilities:

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District seeks to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with handicaps, birth through age 21, based upon I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) eligibility. This includes children attending private or parochial schools whose parents reside within our district.

Conditions such as multi-handicapped, hearing handicapped, visually handicapped, orthopedically and/or health handicapped, severe behavior handicapped, developmentally handicapped, specific learning disabled, autistic and speech and language handicapped would be included.

Additionally, it is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are evaluated, identified and served. Section 504 disabilities are mental or physical impairments or a history of such impairments that "substantially limit one or more major life activities."

If you know of a child with a suspected handicap, please contact Mr. Carter Cordes, Special Education Coordinator at St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools, 400 Maple Street, Elmwood Place, Ohio 45216, 513-482-7115.

In accordance with the Ohio State Plan for the Education of Ohio's Homeless Children and Youth and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (P.L. 100-77), as amended in 1990, homeless school-age children shall have access to a free, appropriate public education which would be provided to the children of a resident of Ohio, consistent with Ohio's school attendance laws. If you are aware of or suspect that a homeless child is eligible for placement under this policy, please contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 513-482-7115.

I.D.E.A. Budget Meeting

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District is currently formulating a budget for the expenditures of I.D.E.A. funds for 2020-2021. These funds are used in providing educational services for preschool through grade twelve special needs pupils residing within the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District. Persons wishing to have input regarding the allocation of these funds can attend a meeting at Elmwood Place Elementary on Thursday, April 16, 2020, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., to discuss the budget; or contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 482-7136.