



School Matters

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools

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

2020-21



The Class of 2021

The one hundred tenth annual St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School commencement exercises took place on Thursday, May 27, 2021, in the Roger Bacon High School stadium. Due to construction, the event was held off campus. Autumn Smith was class valedictorian; Nabeu Habetaslassa was salutatorian. Vice President of the Class of 2021, Trevor Fleak, presented the class gift, entrance mats for the new school buildings. The Class of 2021 selected a yellow rose with black ribbon as the class flower and a quote from Steve Jobs as the class motto: "Stay hungry. Stay foolish." The Titan Fan Club hosted an outdoor reception following the ceremony. Congratulations, Class of 2021!

The Class of 2021: Aiden Allen, Amadi Anderson, Victoria Barrett, G'Asia Beauchamp, Neamyah Bell, Kevin Benford, Jr., Scott Bien, Cameron Blevins, Claire Bossert, Aaron Brown, Nathan Burson-Lyons, Jaelen Burt, Madison Caudill, Yamaya Chappell, Edward Clark, Jr., Shaniya Clark, Hailey Colwell, Marlyn Cruz Lopez, Maggie Culbertson, Reniyah Dale, Robert Davis IV, Kalina Demoss, Kara Dick, Isaac Drew IV, Angel Duran-Correa, Lauren Early, Ethan Eldridge-Wess, Leah Evans, Samantha Ficke, Alexander Finneran, Trevor Fleak, Courtney Fleisch, Evan Fleisch, Gabriella Francis, Kristal Garcia, Tyla Gerton, Nabeu Habetaslassa, Kiersten Hacker, Seth Hall, Maciah Halloran, Gabrielle Horhn, Zykeem Hunley, Taryn Jeffries, Kaniya Johnston, Antionette Jones, Chloe Kelley, Ahmed Kone, Neryah Lark, Somer Leininger, Adriana Malott, Samantha Mattox, Makayla McDonald, Blake Meirose, Elijah Miller, Jayden Paige, Makayla Paul-Meridy, Jaida Ridder, Donovan Sanders, Anthony Sexton, Dylan Shepherd, Cardale Simpson, Jr., Autumn Smith, Nasirrae Stacy, Deanna Stevens, Neenah Sutton, Emmanuel Tait, NaiJarae Tate, Mariyah Thompson, Lenistien Thornton, Caleb Threatts, Cain Toro, Jacob West, Ariauna Williams, Holden Williams, Thakya Williams, and Jaden Wood.



Autumn Smith
Valedictorian



Nabeu Habetaslassa
Salutatorian

Local Scholarships Awarded:

Aiden Allen: Titan Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship
 Victoria Barrett: Cora Schaeffer Scholarship and Titan Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship
 Claire Bossert: Robert J. Carroll Memorial Scholarship
 Yamaya Chappell: Taffy Burns-Betz Memorial Scholarship, Tina Siegel Memorial Scholarship and Titan Alumni Association Scholarship
 Isaac Drew: Cora Schaeffer Scholarship
 Gabi Francis: SBEP Education Association Scholarship and St. Matthews United Church of Christ Scholarship
 Nabeu Habetaslassa: Harold & June Barge Scholarship
 Zykeem Hunley: Jerry Radtke Memorial Scholarship and Titan Fan Club Athletic Scholarship
 Ahmed Kone: Titan Fan Club Academic Scholarship
 Somer Leininger: Ode to Joy Music Scholarship
 Autumn Smith: Robert J. Carroll Memorial Scholarship and Titan Alumni Association Scholarship
 Mariyah Thompson: Jim Cain Scholarship

Academic honors and other significant achievements give testament to a student's hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the following students for earning special recognition:

Valedictorian
Autumn Smith

Salutatorian
Nabeu Habetaslassa

Outstanding Senior
Claire Bossert

Diploma with Honors
Autumn Smith



Academic Top Eleven

Victoria Barrett
 Claire Bossert
 Yamaya Chappell
 Courtney Fleisch
 Gabriella Francis
 Nabeu Habetaslassa

Chloe Kelley
 Somer Leininger
 Makayla Paul-Meridy
 Jaida Ridder
 Autumn Smith



Class of 2021 Senior National Honor Society Members

National Honor Society

Victoria Barrett
 Claire Bossert
 Yamaya Chappell
 Nabeu Habetaslassa
 Kiersten Hacker
 Seth Hall
 Chloe Kelley

Somer Leininger
 Jaida Ridder
 Anthony Sexton
 Autumn Smith
 Mariyah Thompson
 Thakya Williams



2021 Titan Academic Top Eleven

National Technical Honor Society

Reniyah Dale
 Angel Duran-Correa
 Taryn Jeffries
 Chloe Kelley
 Makayla McDonald

Jayden Paige
 Anthony Sexton
 Nasirrae Stacy
 Ariauna Williams
 Thakya Williams

Outstanding Senior Athletes

Yamaya Chappell
Zykeem Hunley

Class Officers

President
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer

Autumn Smith
 Trevor Fleak
 Jaida Ridder
 Nabeu Habetaslassa

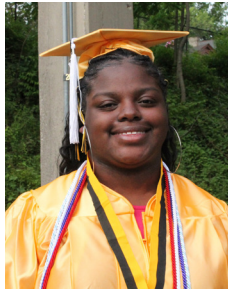
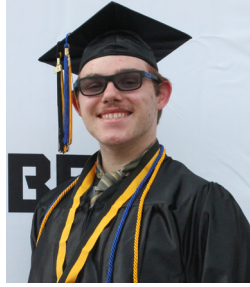


Class of 2021



Outstanding Senior Athletes

Class of 2021



TITANS



District News

Dear Titan Families,

On Monday, May 24th, St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Board of Education approved the calendar for the 2021-22 school year. Families should take notice that students will be returning to school on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. The last day of school for students next school year will be May 5, 2022. There will not be a traditional spring break: school will close only on Friday, April 15, and Monday, April 18, 2022.

This is a one-year change from the traditional SBEP school calendar to accommodate the move into our new building. The goal of this special calendar is an extended summer break at the end of the 2021-22 school year to allow the move to be completed before students return to school in the fall of 2022.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as our district takes this exciting step forward.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mimi Webb
Superintendent



BUILDING UPDATE JUNE 2021

LEVEL 100:

- Work continues on the interior of the pool area
- Installation of new electric lines expected soon

LEVEL 200:

- Ductwork and framing continues
- Plumbers installing piping and electricians continuing work

LEVEL 300:

- Ductwork and framing continues
- Block walls, steel, and sheeting going in for the next level of this side of the building

LEVEL 400:

- Block walls being installed that will support the steel he roof system



ST. BERNARD-ELMWOOD PLACE CITY SCHOOLS
105 WASHINGTON AVE. ST. BERNARD, OH 45217

Building Project Update

Work continues on our new SBEP PK-12 campus. We plan to open the building for students at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. This project is an important investment in our communities and in the future success of all Titan students. We are committed to keeping parents and community members informed about the project. Check our website, SBEPschools.org, for monthly building project updates.

Student Enrollment

Residents of St. Bernard or Elmwood Place may enroll their children in St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools at the Board of Education Office, 105 Washington Avenue in St. Bernard, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The following items are required to complete registration: child's original birth certificate, parent's driver's license or state ID, custody papers (if applicable), and proof of residency (current mortgage, rental/lease agreement, copy of deed or land contract, paystub, 2020 income tax return, or current utility bill). To schedule an appointment or to ask a question, please call Pam Carroll at 513-482-7121.

2021 District Retirees

Thank you to the retirees for their years of dedicated service to St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools. They will be missed!



Ms. Natalie Cann
33 years of service

During her tenure at SBEP Schools, Ms. Cann served as a teacher, building computer coordinator, career education coordinator, Student Council advisor, tutor, and curriculum writer.



Ms. Clara Frentsos
24 years of service

During her tenure at SBEP Schools, Ms. Frentsos served as a teacher, home instruction tutor, resident educator mentor, and member of the district student learning objectives committee.



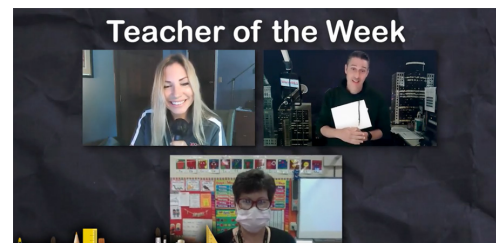
Ms. Tamera Nuss
33 years of service

During her tenure at SBEP Schools, Ms. Nuss served as a teacher and mentor.



Ms. Nona Waldeck
21 years of service

During her tenure at SBEP Schools, Ms. Waldeck served as a teacher, Title IV after-school program coordinator, and curriculum writer.



Special Recognition for SBE's Laura Heim

This year, St. Bernard Elementary teacher Laura Heim was recognized with two special honors. She was named a WARM 98 Teacher of the Week and a "Gold Star Teacher." In April, Mrs. Heim was surprised by Jim and Amanda of the WARM 98 Morning Show. Jennifer Spears, who nominated her, called Mrs. Heim "a wonderful asset to the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District." Mrs. Heim taught all three of the Spears children, along with their father, Jeremy Spears, and his three siblings.

Ms. Heim also was selected as a "Gold Star Teacher" by Gold Star Chili and the Children's Theatre of Cincinnati. She was nominated by Stephanie Randolph, Chuck Wallace, and Kara Bivenand and was recognized for going above and beyond for her students.

Thank you, Mrs. Heim, for all you do for our St. Bernard Elementary Titans and for our community.

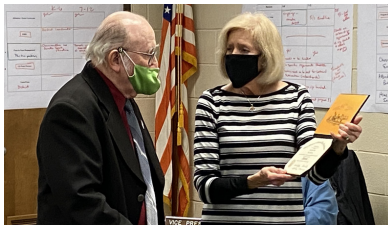
2021 Education Hall of Fame Inductees

On Monday, June 28, 2021, five individuals were inducted into the Education Hall of Fame at the Board of Education meeting. Recognized for their distinguished service to the district were:

- Ms. Natalie Cann, Teacher
- Mrs. Pamela Carroll, Administrative Assistant
- Ms. Julia Dennis, Volunteer
- Mr. Ron Spears, Maintenance
- Dr. Mimi Webb, Superintendent



Congratulations to these new inductees!



Veteran Earns SBEP Diploma at Age 82

Hank Meiners received his St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School diploma at the Board of Education meeting on February 22, 2021. Mr. Meiners had left school in tenth grade, after struggling with classes and growing frustrated. Earning his SBEP diploma has remained a goal. "It's something I've been wanting all my life, since I'd say '52 on," Meiners said.

Mr. Meiners continued his education, first earning his GED, then an Associate Degree from the University of Cincinnati; but at 82 years old, his educational journey wasn't complete. "I thought, I ain't got much time left, so I might as well go for it," Meiners joked.

After growing up in St. Bernard, Mr. Meiners wanted his diploma from St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School. "You are now part of that proud group of individuals who have earned the right to call themselves Titan alumni," said SBEP School Board President Linda Radtke.

"I attended seven different colleges, and all of them were challenging; but this fulfills a goal," Meiners said.

His diploma is dated the year he completed his GED studies. Congratulations to Mr. Hank Meiners, officially a member of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School Class of 1980, and a great example of Titan Pride!



Free Summer Meals

St. Bernard Public Library
Elmwood Place Public Library

The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Public Library is distributing free meals to anyone, ages 1-18, throughout the summer. Seven dinners and seven snacks are provided per box for each eligible recipient, and the food is shelf-stable and ready-to-eat. Eligible recipients do not need to be present to receive a food box.

Food pick-up takes place at the St. Bernard Branch Library, 10 McClelland Avenue, and at the Elmwood Place Branch Library, 6120 Vine Street, Mondays, 3:00-5:00 p.m., while supplies last. Additional details can be found online: <https://cincinnati.library.org/services/meals/>

This service is made possible through federal funding, as part of the USDA's Child and Nutrition Program, in partnership with the UMC Food Ministry.

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Families could be eligible for a no-cost preschool program for their children, ages 3-5. St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District is partnering with the Hamilton County ESC to provide a comprehensive preschool program for income-eligible children. The program includes a developmentally appropriate school-readiness program, nutritious meals, and health, speech, language, and hearing screenings.

This full-day, county-run program is available Monday-Thursday at St. Bernard Elementary School. If you are interested, please complete a pre-application, available at www.hcescheadstart.org, or call 513-674-4329 for more information.

Early Headstart is available for income-eligible children from birth to three years. This program includes a comprehensive in-home program, weekly visits with a qualified Home Educator, and parent/child socialization activities. For additional information, please call the number above.

Jr./Sr. High School News

Student Schedules Available August 5th

Parents of students entering grades 8-12 may come to St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Jr./Sr. High School on Thursday, August 5th, between the hours of 4:00-6:00 p.m., to pick up their children's 2021-22 class schedules. In order to receive a student's schedule on this day, parents must pay that student's fees (\$20.00 per child) and must complete his/her FinalForms registration.

Titan Transition Day

Date: Tuesday, August 6th

Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Who: Incoming seventh-graders

What: Meet your teachers, tour the school, pick up class schedules, and much more.

For more information, please call Sheila Rapier, HS Secretary, at 482-7100.

Titan Summer Bridge Program

Date: July 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Who: Incoming seventh-graders

What: Titan Summer Bridge is a program that will be offered to select seventh-graders who need help building foundational skills that will guide their paths to success as junior high students.

Participating students will work on skills related to time management, organization, and digital citizenship, as well as take part in academic projects.

Transportation will be provided to students living in Elmwood Place.

For more information, please call Sheila Rapier, HS Secretary, at 482-7100.

TITAN ATHLETICS
YEAR IN REVIEW

- ↑ 7 MVC Player of the Year
- ↑ 12 1st Team All-MVC
- ↑ 9 2nd Team All-MVC
- ↑ 9 Honorable Mention All-MVC
- ↑ 7 1st Team All-District
- ↑ 2 2nd Team All-District
- ↑ 2 Honorable Mention All-District
- ↑ 11st Team All-State
- ↑ 2 2nd Team All-State
- ↑ 7 Honorable Mention All-State
- ↑ 4 Enquirer All-Stars
- ↑ 2020-2021 Participation numbers increased to **56%** in grades 7-12
- ↑ Girls Varsity Soccer won their first game since 2015
- ↑ Varsity Football had best record in school history and reached the OHSAA Playoffs
- ↑ Titans Varsity Basketball win **30-27** over Seven Hills on buzzer beating 3-pt Field Goal
- ↑ Varsity Swimming finishes highest in MVC Meet in **SCHOOL HISTORY**
- ↑ Junior High Track Boys win MVC Championship
- ↑ Varsity Baseball won first MVC game since April of **2016**
- ↑ Varsity Baseball finished season with best record since **2015**
- ↑ Student-Athletes have signed to play athletics at the collegiate level
- ↑ Winner of the NATA Athletic Training Safe Sports School Award

SBEP Titans

Sports Standout Accomplishments

Even with its challenges, the 2020-2021 school year was a great one for St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletics. Participation increased by 56% in grades 7-12, giving more of our Titans an opportunity to stay active and build the teamwork skills and friendships that come from being involved in athletics. The SBEP varsity football team had an amazing season, making it to the state playoffs and finishing with the best record in SBEP history. The Junior High boys track team won the MVC championship, and varsity swimming had its best-ever finish in the MVC meet. Three SBEP seniors have signed to play football at the college level: Isaac Drew and Ahmed Kone - Bluffton University; Zykeem Hunley - Mount St. Joseph University. Congratulations to all Titan student-athletes for their hard work this year. Visit SBEPAthletics.org to stay connected to Titan Athletics programs--and sign up!



Titan Summer Basketball Camp

Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Mike Radtke hosted the 2021 Titan Basketball Summer Shooting and Skills Camp in June. This was an opportunity for boys and girls, entering grades 3-6 in the fall, to learn shooting techniques, dribbling skills, and offensive/defensive moves, as well as to play games. Each camper received a basketball to take home. This was a great opportunity to nurture the next generation of Titan basketball players.



Prom 2021

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Prom was held Friday, April 16, 2021, at the 20th Century Theatre in Oakley. The theme was "Red Carpet Affair." There was a great turnout for this special night.

Congratulations to Queen Courtney Fleisch and King Isaac Drew and to the following senior court members: Victoria Barrett, Yamaya Chappell, Trevor Fleak, Nabeu Habetaslassa, Seth Hall, Zykeem Hunley, Somer Leininger and Mariyah Thompson.



Academic Honors Banquet

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools celebrated student academic success at the Academic Honors Banquet in May. Students in grades 7-12 who received first and/or second honors for the entire school year were recognized during the ceremony. This year, Titan athletic awards recipients also were recognized at the banquet. The following new members were inducted into the Junior and Senior National Honor Societies: Calyn Cook, Logan Davis, Molly Dier, Casey Firemoth, Camryn Grove, Dusti Ivy, Amina Kone, Brandi Lopez Murcia, Nevaeh Miller-Canady, LaMarcus Rogers, Sophie Sirk, Kaylen Thurman-Ellison, Korrianna Warner, Jarod Woolridge and Zoey Zimplerman.

Thank you to the NHS and NJHS advisors, Harry Steinkamp and Teri Goettelman, for putting the banquet together; and thanks to the Titan Fan Club for sponsoring this event. It was great to see so many Titans recognized for their athletic and academic achievements.

Elmwood Place Elementary News

Field Day 2021



Elmwood Place Elementary Sixth-Graders

Congratulations to the following sixth-graders who were promoted to seventh grade and are now members of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Junior High School family:

Brian Baker, Jr., Joshua Bessey, II, John Calhoun, Mason Caudill, Esmeralda Damian-Bibian, Miguel Damian-Bibian, Quyndyn Davis-Carr, Noel Dunkley, Kayden Fleissner, Logan Hall, Lay Shawna Hanks, Ashley Harris, Cartez Howell, Kingston Johnson, Alyssa Merz, Joanna Miguel Roblero, Carina Miguel-Robleros, Robert Minton, Jr., Mercedes Murphy, Angel Ochtere, David Otiwii, Kenzie Pendland, Gabriella Reiff, Aleeah Richmond, Jerimiah Rodgers, Madison Rodgers, Sergio Rodriguez, Madison Schimmel, Da'Yana Shackelford, Makayla Silvers, Mikenzi Smith, Ashlee Spradlin, Dameko Taylor, Haley Withrow, and Dayla Yisrael

St. Bernard Elementary News



St. Bernard Elementary Sixth-Graders Proudly Complete Their School Year

Whether "in-person" or "virtual" these proud sixth-graders completed their school year and were celebrated by family and teachers at a personalized promotion ceremony on Wednesday, May 26th. The following sixth-graders worked hard throughout the year with their teachers and are well-prepared and ready for seventh grade:

Nevaeh Birch, Emily Blevins, Ra'Nyah Bowman, Caitlyn Bradley, Charlotte Clark, Calyn Cook, Shakirah Davis, Logan Doddy, Kamryn Green, Camryn Grove, Vanessa Guzman, Demico Harris, Dickie Hayslip, Lillian Hovenga, Emauri Jackson, Marcus Jones, Da'Lynn Landrum, Connor Leininger, Jackson Leininger, Jazira Malone, Brandon McKinney, Nevaeh Miller-Canady, Gianna Moore, Da'Naire Nared, Carson Osborne, Aubrey Rack, Oberon Regallis, Savannah Simpson, Sophie Sirk, Ryan Turner, and Sean Whitmore.

Science Fun at SBE

These future Einsteins worked together using snap circuits and their science knowledge to create a replica of a radio, a lightbulb, and even a fan!



Field Day 2021



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Website: www.sbepschools.org

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 2022-2023. 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 14, 2022, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., to discuss the budget; or contact Dr. Mimi Webb at 482-7123.