BACK TO SCHOOL
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
BCSC
TOGETHER WE LEARN
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Our Core Beliefs

We all can rise to the challenge of high expectations.
Learning is most effective when we have choice, flexibility, and see relevance.
We thrive when our physical, social, and psychological needs are met.
Our community and school district are stronger when we partner with one another.
We flourish because of the diversity and variability in our community.
Our democracy and democratic institutions are strengthened by civic-minded citizens.

Our Vision

BCSC is THE CHOICE to learn, work, and play.

Our Mission Statement

We develop expert learners by partnering with our community to invest in people.
Letter from the Superintendent

The Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation is pleased to present the 27th annual Back to School Guide. Through this publication, we invite each member of our community to celebrate the start of the new school year.

This guide contains helpful information about BCSC and what to expect in 2024-25. There is important information about enrollment, open houses, transportation, food service, before and after school care, and even employment opportunities. We included a school directory and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions about our schools.

This year, you can expect to see our students continue to thrive and rise to the challenge of high expectations. We will renew our strategic focus on student achievement while continuing to develop the whole child. You will also see many facility renovations around the community, as we upgrade the learning environment to many of our school buildings. A full renovation of Parkside Elementary will be complete, and we will break ground on a new elementary school.

On the morning of August 7, we will welcome back nearly 12,000 students, and our community will buzz with the energy of a new school year. A new senior class will come to their last first day of school with the eager anticipation of graduation on their minds. Others will go to their first day in pre-K or kindergarten with the nervous excitement of a child experiencing something brand new. I share that feeling of newness and I am excited to continue our effort to be THE choice to learn, work, and play.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire BCSC team, thank you for your interest and continued support. To all of our students, families, staff and community, welcome back and have a terrific 2024-25 school year.

Chad Phillips
Superintendent
I Can’t Wait For School To Start!

Students tell us about their excitement for the new year.

“I’m excited about becoming a Rockcreek Bulldog this year. Our family moved to a new house and I can’t wait to make new friends at school.”
- Jackson

“I’m looking forward to making new friends, learning a new language and joining clubs in middle school.”
- Courtney

“I love Robotics! I’ve never played sports but robotics lets me be part of a team and something I enjoy. The new game each year is exciting to brainstorm and improve on and hopefully make it to State and Worlds again.”
- Dawson
Celebrating Excellence
C4 Program Shines at 2024 Indiana High School Architectural Design Competition

It should come as no surprise that in a city renowned for its engineers and architects, and steeped in a rich history of architectural innovation that five students from the C4 program, under the guidance of their instructor Darin Johnson, have earned top honors at this year’s Indiana High School Architectural Design Competition.

The Indiana High School Architectural Design Competition is an annual event hosted by the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and it offers high school students across the state an opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity. Since 1971, the Indianapolis Chapter of the AIA has sponsored this event, which has become a cornerstone for budding architects to explore and refine their skills.

This year’s competition was particularly notable for the outstanding achievements of the following C4-program students:

- Vaughan Robert Williams: Award of Excellence
- Haniel Cruz: Award of Honor
- Johnathan Barbieri: Award of Honor
- Brooke Leslie: Award of Honor
- Bryce Olson: Award of Honor

These accolades are a testament to the hard work, dedication and creative vision of these students. The competition provides an excellent platform for participants, offering three top prizes of $500, a custom-designed trophy, a certificate of excellence and a $500 scholarship to a summer architectural workshop.

The Indiana High School Architectural Design Competition remains a pivotal event for high school students aspiring to careers in architecture. With no fee to enter and no preregistration required, it is accessible to all Indiana students. The competition encourages students to submit their designs and entry forms by the specified deadline, offering them a chance to gain recognition and build a strong foundation for their future careers.

For more information about the competition and future events, please visit the AIA Indiana website or contact AIA Indiana directly.
The Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation (BCSC) is pleased to offer complimentary entry to all school-sponsored events for senior citizens residing within the district. To honor our senior residents, and provide them with the opportunity to enjoy diverse school programming, the district is issuing a **Legacy Pass**.

The **Legacy Pass** is a small sticker that can be affixed to a photo ID or a credit card that grants free general admission to home extracurricular and school-sponsored co-curricular activities. The pass must be presented at the time of entry, and the pass holder must sign in. All tournaments sponsored by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) are excluded from the **Legacy Pass** program.

In order to apply for a **Legacy Pass**, you must be at least 62 years of age and reside within the BCSC attendance zones. Proof of residency and age will be verified before receiving the pass.

Interested seniors can obtain a **Legacy Pass** at any middle or high school athletic department in the district, or by visiting the district’s central office at 1200 Central Avenue.
### 24 Opportunities to See BCSC Students Soar this Semester

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<td>Columbus North Classic (Cross Country)</td>
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<td>Central-Northside Football</td>
<td>Sept. 18, 6 p.m.</td>
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<td>BCSC Elementary Cross Country Championships</td>
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<td>Columbus North Homecoming-Terre Haute North Football</td>
<td>Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>East-North Girls Volleyball</td>
<td>Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Columbus East Homecoming-Bloomington North Football</td>
<td>Oct. 4, 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Sound and Spirit of Columbus Marching Band (ISSMA State Finals)</td>
<td>Nov. 9, TBA</td>
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<td>Radium Girls</td>
<td>Nov. 15-17, TBA</td>
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<td>Columbus East Musical</td>
<td>Nov. 22-24, TBA</td>
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<td>Festival of Lights Parade</td>
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<td>BCSC Robotics Invitational</td>
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<td>BCSC EBL and Cheer Super Saturday</td>
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*TBA events will be communicated via ParentSquare and through building websites.
“This summer I got to attend the NTAC project-based learning conference with my teaching team. I am excited to start the year energized to enhance our PBL experiences for our students.”

— Sara Rapp
BCSC teacher

“I am beyond excited to embark on a new journey as the ML teacher at Central and Northside. I can’t wait to help cultivate an inspiring and inclusive environment where our multilingual students can thrive! The 24-25 school year is going to be an unforgettable adventure filled with growth, innovation, and endless possibilities!”

— Deepika Kapoor
BCSC teacher

“Each year I teach students, but I end up learning so much too. The start of a new school year brings with it an opportunity to apply what we have learned previously, which is exciting. I love what I do because of the opportunity to build relationships with our students and share the journey with them.”

— Stephen Shipley
BCSC teacher
# Open House Schedule

## Elementary Schools

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| Clifty Creek | Aug. 5 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Kindergarten)  
|            |        | 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Grades 1-6)                               |
| CSA Fodrea  | Aug. 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |
| CSA Lincoln | Aug. 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |
| Mt. Healthy | Aug. 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |
| Parkside    | Aug. 6 | 5-5:30 p.m. (New families)  
|            |        | 5:30-6:30 p.m. (All families)                            |
| W D Richards| Aug. 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |
| Rockcreek   | Aug. 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |
| Schmitt     | Aug. 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |
| Smith       | Aug. 6 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |
| Southside   | Aug. 5 | 5-5:30 p.m. (New families)  
|            |        | 5:30-6:30 p.m. (All families)                            |
| Taylorsville| Aug. 5 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.                                           |

## Middle Schools

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| Columbus East      | Aug. 1 | **Freshman Orientation:** 8 a.m.-noon  
|                    |        | **Schedule/Book/Laptop Distribution:** 8 a.m.-3 p.m.      |
| Columbus East      | Aug. 14| **Open House:** 6-8 p.m.                                  |
| Columbus North     | Aug. 1 | **Schedule and Book Pick-Up:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.               |
| Columbus North     | Aug. 2 | **Freshman Orientation and Device Pick:** 9-11 a.m.        |
| CSA New Tech       | Aug. 5 | **Fresh Fest:** 5:30-7 p.m.                               |
| CSA New Tech       | Aug. 21| **Open House:** 5:30-7 p.m.                               |
| Columbus Virtual Pathway | Aug. 5 | 2-6 p.m.                                                  |
School Supply List

*Additional supplies may be communicated by teachers.

**Grades K-3**

- 1 backpack
- 1 pencil box, any color
- 2 24-pack Crayola crayons
- 1 24-count pack of #2 pencils, no mechanical pencils
- 4 Elmer’s glue sticks
- 1 8-count Crayola washable markers, classic colors
- 1 blunt-tip scissors
- 6 folders with pockets, any color
- 1 3-ring binder - 1 ½ inch, any color, clear front
- 2 composition notebooks - wide ruled
- 1 large, pink eraser
- 1 pair of headphones — no earbuds
Grades 4-6

- 1 backpack
- 1 pencil pouch, any color
- 1 24-count Crayola crayons
- 1 24-pack colored pencils
- 1 24-count pack of #2 pencils, no mechanical pencils
- 2 highlighters, 2 colors
- 4 Elmer’s glue sticks
- 1 8-count Crayola non-washable, fine-line markers, classic colors
- 1 pointed-tip scissors
- 3 folders with pockets, any color
- 1 3-ring binder - 1 ½ inch, any color, clear front
- 1 12-inch ruler with inches and centimeters, no metal edge
- 3 composition notebooks - wide ruled
- 1 large, pink eraser
- 1 pair of headphones — no earbuds

Secondary (Grades 7 - 12)

- 1 backpack
- 1 pencil pouch, any color
- 2 3-ring binders - 1 ½ inch, any color, clear font
- 8 folders with pockets and prongs, any color
- 1 12-count pack of #2 pencils, no mechanical pencils
- 2 highlighters, 2 colors
- 1 package of pens, blue or black
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 3 1-subject notebooks, wide-rulled, lined paper
- 2 1-subject notebooks, college-ruled, lined paper
- 1 package of graph paper
- 1 pair of headphones or earbuds
- 1 12-inch ruler with inches and centimeters, no metal edge
- 1 protractor - 6 inch
- 1 compass - plastic
- 1 package of index cards with lines
I Can’t Wait For School To Start!

Students tell us about their excitement for the new year.

- Advay

“I can’t wait to start in kindergarten at Southside. My mommy is a kindergarten teacher, but I’m not in her class. She said I will learn best in another teacher’s class. Go Mustangs!”
- Scarlett

“I look forward to be able to interact with my teachers and classmates one last time before moving on to college. My school has done a great job creating an environment where I enjoy learning a part of it.”
- Regina
Enrollment Process

Enrollment requirements

Indiana State Law requires students to be age 5 by Aug. 1 to enroll in kindergarten. A birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency (current utility bill, rent receipt, etc.) are also required. For all questions related to BCSC enrollment, please contact the BCSC Enrollment Center at 812-376-4280.

Student transfers within BCSC schools

Each student shall attend school in the attendance area in which the student’s parent/legal guardian resides unless a transfer request has been approved. The parent/legal guardian wishing to make a transfer to another school should contact the building principal at the school in the attendance area in which the student resides to complete the transfer form.

The sending and receiving principals must approve transfer requests. Approval of elementary transfers will be based on school space, class size, academics and behavior.

Secondary transfers will be based on grade level, class size, academics, behavior and academic programs of the school. Secondary students may be ineligible by IHSAA rules to compete on a school athletic team for one year after transfer. At both the elementary and secondary level, in the case of the transfer, transportation is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian.

Student legal/tuition transfers

A legal transfer must be completed if a child is enrolled in a BCSC school by a placement agency or the courts and the child’s parent/legal guardian resides outside the district. A parent/legal guardian whose residence is outside the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation boundaries may apply for a transfer if they want their child to attend a BCSC school.

The deadline for applying for a transfer is September 1. Approval of a transfer is based on space available in the receiving school. Questions regarding residency and legal transfers should be directed to 812-376-4280. Out-of-district transfers should call 812-376-4280.
BCSC leads the state in safe student transportation and is proud of the fact that, due to the community’s support, there are no buses on the road older than twelve years. Our buses feature state-of-the-art camera systems (including stop-arm violation cameras), roll over protection and other important safety features. Our buses safely travel more than 8,000 miles per day, and our drivers and monitors are often the first adult students interact with, ensuring their day starts off on a great note.

For the latest information regarding your child’s bus route, please check www.bcscschools.org beginning July 29, 2024. All transportation is available on the transportation webpage under the “Departments” tab. If you cannot access route information, please contact your school.

Please check the information again during the first weeks of school to stay up-to-date on any changes. Walk zones are one mile for elementary students and one and half miles for middle and high school ages. In the event of a transfer outside the home-school boundary, transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
i-CARE
Before- & After-School Program

The i-CARE program provides a safe and stimulating environment for pre-K through 6th BCSC students at all 11 elementary schools and Richard L. Johnson Early Education Center. Each day, i-CARE provides healthy snacks, physical activity, STEAM activities and homework support. Families can choose to utilize i-CARE services as much or as little as possible, once your child/children are enrolled.

School Year Care:

- Before school (all sites EXCEPT CSA Lincoln) begins at 6:30 a.m. and runs until classes begin.
- After-school care begins at the end of the school day and runs until 6 p.m.
- At some qualifying locations, bus service is provided at 5 p.m. at no extra cost.
- Limited financial assistance is available at each location, based on academic and/or financial needs.

Out of School Care:

- Fall, winter, spring and summer break i-CARE applications and rates are separate from the school year program. Contact the i-CARE office at 812-418-0924 for details.

BCSF School Foundation

Wondering who or what BCSF is? The Bartholomew Consolidated School Foundation is YOUR local school foundation. We have supported the local school system for nearly 70 years with funding for educational programs, grants and scholarships. Our mission is to support teachers, staff and students of BCSC by promoting awareness and philanthropy for programs that drive deeper learning for all.

BCSF helps fulfill learning goals and opportunities for nearly 12,000 students and several hundred educators, and impacts over 6,000 families every year in our community. We are living our mission by receiving grants for students through our partnership with DonorsChoose, a 21st Century approach to connecting donors to directly support local classrooms.

Through DonorsChoose, teachers are empowered to fund grants for the classroom and beyond. BCSF matches $1 for $1 — up to $500 — for any grants that are $1,000 or less. Also, we have creative programs like the third grade architectural tours for more than 800 students every year so that students have an “outside the classroom” learning experience.

Through the generosity of individuals, companies and community partners, BCSF is able to provide these additional resources to those we serve. If you are interested in joining us by “Investing in Brighter Futures for All,” please contact Nicole Cunningham, executive director, 812-378-4733, find us on Facebook, or visit our website www.bcsfstars.org. We are here to serve the teachers, students and staff of BCSC.

We would love to visit with you about making a donation, attending an upcoming event or creating a program.
Envision 2030: Transforming BCSC Schools for a Brighter Future

BCSC has not seen this scale of facility improvements since most of our buildings were originally constructed in the 1950’s and 1960’s. The ability for the district to complete this level of educational improvements for our community’s children with a tax-rate neutral approach is a remarkable opportunity. We are beyond excited to see this work come to fruition and hope you are as well.

**Schmitt Elementary Renovation**

Schmitt Elementary is undergoing a comprehensive renovation, the first major update since the early 1990s. The project includes the addition of three new classrooms, replacing the westside courtyard, and the renovation of all learning spaces. The original design by Harry Weese will be preserved and restored, with the project expected to be complete in the summer of 2026.

**Parkside Elementary Transformation**

Parkside Elementary is nearing the end of a two-year renovation project, with final interior and exterior improvements to be completed by August 2024. The transformed building serves as a model for future elementary school renovations. A ribbon-cutting event and open tours are scheduled for Monday, August 5 at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate this milestone, and the community is invited to join.
Richard L. Johnson Early Learning Center Expansion

Phase 1 of the renovation at the Richard L. Johnson Early Learning Center will address the shortage of appropriate childcare spaces. This project, running from this summer into the winter of 2024, will enable the Bright Beginnings program to move from McDowell to Johnson, doubling the capacity for infants to 3-year-olds after the second phase.

New Westside Elementary School

A new elementary school is in the works, designed by CSO and Howeler+Yoon Architecture firms, with Taylor Brothers and Pepper Construction as the construction managers. The design process will occur during most of the school year, with construction beginning early summer 2025, just south of the Westside Community Church of Columbus. The school is set to open in July 2027, with the naming process to be determined in 2025 based on community feedback.

Northside Middle School Full Remodel

Northside Middle School is slated for a full renovation. The design phase will take place during the 2024-2025 school year, with construction starting in May 2025 and concluding in the summer of 2027.

Central Middle School, Columbus East, and Columbus North High Schools

Minor renovations are planned for Central Middle School, Columbus East, and North High Schools during the 2024-2025 school year to enhance C4 career and technical education areas, with additional work to follow in a future phase.

L. Frances Smith and Mt. Healthy Elementary Improvements

L. Frances Smith Elementary will undergo substantial interior renovations, with design currently underway and construction starting in March 2025. Mt. Healthy Elementary will also see improvements in learning environments, with design beginning in early 2025 and construction anticipated for fall/winter 2025.

Future Projects

Beyond fall 2025, future projects include renovations at Clifty Creek Elementary, additional work at East and North for C4 and extracurricular activities, and updates at CSA Fodrea and Lincoln, Johnson, McDowell, Rockcreek, Southside, Taylorsville, and W.D. Richards.

BCSC’s Bright Future

Once again, we are excited about the opportunities to engage in tax-rate neutral facility improvements through Envision 2030. The community can look forward to these transformative projects that aim to create a brighter future for students.

For more information and ongoing updates, visit www.bcscenvision2030.org.
Welcome Back Students!
Teachers tell us about their excitement for the new year.

“I am excited to be a part of the upcoming school year and all the potential it holds for students to foster their scientific curiosity.”
- Derek Chastain
BCSC teacher

“The start of the school year is an exciting time for an educator. It is such a great opportunity for our school culture to grow and adapt to embrace our new CSA family members. I am excited to support our staff and students as we navigate the start of the school year from feelings of excitement to feeling nervous. The start of the school year is when we build the foundation of success for the rest of the school year.”
- Jen Morrill
BCSC counselor

“A new school year is a time of pure joy. I love the eager anticipation of my new students walking into their classroom to meet me for the first time at Open House. I delight in the hugs from former students who stop by to say hi after a long summer apart. The air is alive with possibility and expectation. It is the best time of the year!”
- Cyndi Larson
BCSC teacher
Twanette Miller, a pathway paraeducator at Schmitt Elementary School, has recently been honored as the first recipient of the RISE Award from the Indiana Department of Education. This award recognizes outstanding school employees without teaching certification who exemplify exceptional service to students.

With a career spanning 17 years at Schmitt, including roles as a classroom assistant and reading interventionist, Miller’s dedication was highlighted during a surprise award presentation in a second-grade classroom, attended by over 20 people including Indiana’s Director of Educator Talent, Rebecca Estes.

Her commitment to enhancing student learning and connection was celebrated as exemplary, making her a beacon of positivity and a model for noncertified educational staff across Indiana. Miller is now in consideration for the national RISE Award, which will be decided later this year by the U.S. Secretary of Education. We are incredibly proud of Twanette’s achievements, and her profound impact on our community.

Interested in Working at BCSC?
Join our Team!

Are you passionate about making a meaningful impact in education? Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation (BCSC) is looking for dedicated individuals to join our dynamic team! At BCSC, we are committed to fostering a supportive and innovative work environment where your skills and passions can thrive. Whether your expertise lies in teaching, administration or support roles, we offer a variety of opportunities to contribute to our mission of providing exceptional education. By joining BCSC, you’re not just taking a job; you’re becoming part of a community dedicated to shaping the future of our students. Explore the diverse career opportunities available and take the first step towards a rewarding career with us. Visit www.bcscschools.org to learn more and apply today!
STEM Capital of Indiana

At BCSC, becoming the STEM Capital of Indiana starts with an intentional approach to planning pathways for our students. Each week, K-6th graders have the opportunity to learn about STEM in dedicated spaces with certified staff members and leading-edge curriculum. Throughout the school year, elementary students are exposed to meaningful projects, engage with community partners, and explore what it would be like to work in the STEM field through programs and special events like Girl Up! STEM Night, Robotic and Coding Exploration STEM Night, VEX Robotics teams, and Summer STEM Camp.

In middle school and high school, BCSC students can take advantage of many course offerings to further their knowledge of STEM during the school day, and can compete in extracurricular academic teams and clubs after school.

In high school, students from Columbus East, Columbus North and CSA New Tech are able to take C4 classes that can prepare them for college and careers in the STEM field. At CSA New Tech, we boast the state’s only IT Pathway, where high school students can graduate with transferable credits and a CompTIA A+ certification.

Notable Accomplishments

**K-6**

- Smith Elementary School- VEX Robotics World Championship
- Seven Elementary VEX Robotics Teams State Qualifiers
- Southside Elementary School- State Math Bowl Champions
- Southside Elementary School- FIRST LEGO League State Runner-Up
- 2024 TPF4Y Teacher of the Year- Lisa Haines

**Middle School & High School**

- Northside Middle School- Math Bowl State Runner-Up
- Northside Middle School- Science/Interdisciplinary State Champions
- Central Middle School Academic Super Bowl State Runner-Up
- Columbus North High School- State Super Bowl Champions

- 28 Elementary VEX Robotics Teams in BCSC Robotics League
School Lunch Program

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation serves a balanced, nutritious lunch every full school day at a cost of $3.10 in the elementary schools and $3.20 in the secondary schools. Breakfast is served each morning at all the schools for a cost of $1.70. Elementary free- and reduced-eligible students are offered a free breakfast. The five secondary schools offer an a la carte selection, as well as the plate lunch.

School menus may be viewed online on the BCSC website under the “Food Service Department” tab. BCSC menus follow a 5-week cycle for fall, winter and spring. The cycle menu will run for 5 weeks and then repeat.

Meal payment assistance is available to all BCSC families that meet federal income guidelines. An application for meal assistance is given to each student at the start of each school year. An online free/reduced application can be downloaded from the BCSC website. Completed applications can be returned to the school. Parents may apply at any time during the year.

Students are considered paid students and will be charged full price meals until meal assistance applications have been processed and approved. Due to the large number of students attending BCSC schools, it may be a few weeks before all applications are processed. It is recommended that each student start the school year with two weeks’ of lunch money in their account to avoid charge, and to allow time for applications to be processed and approved.

Meal assistance forms are effective for one school year. Families must reapply each school year for meal assistance. If there is no money in a full pay or reduced pay student’s
account, the elementary and secondary schools will allow a student to charge up to three lunches. After three charged lunches, the student will be offered an emergency meal consisting of an alternative sandwich, hot vegetable, fruit and milk, until the bill is paid.

Charges are not encouraged in the middle schools and high schools. Students with a negative balance will not be permitted to purchase a la carte items until the bill is paid in full. Negative account balances of $25.00 and over will be turned over to collections.

All BCSC cafeterias utilize a pre-pay/debit system designed to process student purchases in an efficient, confidential manner, and to reduce the amount of cash on-hand at each location. The system operates on a prepay basis, so students can deposit funds in advance of use. At the end of each school year, the account balance is transferred to the student’s account for the following year. Deposits can be made at the school cafeteria by cash, online at mySchoolBucks.com, or personal check made payable to the school cafeteria food service.

Please indicate your child’s name and/or student ID# on the check. A student’s lunch account activity can be viewed using mySchoolBucks.com. If you have questions regarding your child’s account that cannot be answered using mySchoolBucks.com, you may call the school building cafeteria between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.
Columbus East Food Pantry Information

The Columbus East Food Pantry is open to East students, staff and their families, as well as to other BCSC students and their families. Research shows that 17% of school-aged students in Bartholomew County are food insecure, not always knowing where their next meal will come from, or when it will be. The Columbus East Food Pantry is one effort to help alleviate hunger in our students.

The pantry is at the back of the school, across from the tennis courts, inside door 31. Please e-mail bcsc_eastfoodpantry@bcsc.k12.in.us with questions or to make special arrangements.

During the school year, the CEHS Food Pantry is open every Friday 3-3:30 p.m.

The Columbus East Food Pantry is a Gleaners school-based food pantry.
Columbus North Bull Dog Pantry Information

Who can visit the pantry?

Any Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation student and their family can visit the pantry to receive supplemental food and other necessities.

What days can I come to the pantry?

The pantry is open every other Friday, with the exception of some weeks due to school breaks. View the schedule on the events page to see our upcoming distribution dates.

What time is the pantry open?

The pantry is open at 3:30 p.m. to BCSC students and families on scheduled distribution days. CNHS students may visit the pantry at 3 p.m. on those dates.

Where is the pantry?

The Bull Dog Pantry is located in the Columbus North High School cafeteria. You will enter through door 1 (the main entrance), and the cafeteria is immediately to the left.

I’m a student at North. If I come to the pantry, will other kids see me?

Generally, no. We make it a point to not allow student volunteers in the pantry to help reduce this chance. If you prefer, we can arrange to get you into the pantry privately at a different time. Please contact Mrs. Cruser if you are a North student and would like to access the pantry. Email: crusert@bcsc.k12.in.us

How do you determine how many items each family gets when they visit the pantry?

The pantry uses a point system. Depending on the number of people in your household, you will get a set amount of points. Items in the pantry are worth a certain number of points (most one point each), and you can shop accordingly.

Can I volunteer to help in the pantry?

We allow adults to volunteer with the pantry on an as-needed basis. We also have numerous events scheduled throughout the year in which we will need several volunteers. If you are interested, visit the volunteer page to contact the pantry.

What if I need other items that aren’t supplied at the pantry distribution?

If you are in need of other items not supplied through the pantry distribution, such as clothing, formal wear, baby items, etc., please contact the pantry.
Wellness & Health Services

Wellness Team:

The Wellness Team is a multidisciplinary team focusing on a safe and welcoming learning environment in which every learner has positive relationships and access to resources needed to thrive. The three focus areas of wellness are students/families, staff and community partnerships.

Health Services:

Visit www.bcscschools.org “Departments” tab, then select the “Health Services” page.

Health Information Reminders

- Each school year, parents/guardians should provide medical updates for their students.
- Links to health forms are available on the BCSC website under Health Services.
- Health information from the physician regarding the management of conditions such as diabetes, asthma and seizures is required every year and when there is a change in treatment for the illness.

Immunizations

- While schools have the authority to deny participation in extracurricular activities (athletics, band, intramurals, clubs, field trips), suspend, or expel any student who is noncompliant under Board Policy #5320, we encourage you to be proactive with compliance to avoid negative consequences for your student(s).

SchoolCare - Electronic Health Record

- School nurses use an electronic health record called SchoolCare to document health care provided at school.
- Benefits include real-time notifications via email when your child visits the nurse’s office, accurate and easily accessible information to share with your child’s doctor, the ability to upload medical forms to the nurse, and peace of mind that the school is fully aware of medical conditions and health plans.

- You may register your student(s) in SchoolCare by contacting the school nurse.
McKinney-Vento (Housing Instability):

The McKinney-Vento program is designed to support children, youth and their families that are experiencing housing instability to ensure enrollment, attendance and success in school.

Housing instability is defined as “homeless children and youth” or individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

The term includes children and youth who are:

- Staying with other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason — sometimes referred to as doubled-up or couch surfing.
- Living in motels or hotels due to lack of adequate alternatives, regardless of who pays for the motel/hotel room.
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters: Domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, youth shelters, trailers provided by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), housing paid for by programs such as transitional housing.
- Abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care placement.
- Unsheltered; staying in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus, or train stations or similar settings.
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Eligible children have the right to:

- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is preferred. *If the school district believes that the school selected is not in the best interest of the student, then the district must provide a written explanation of its position and inform of the right to appeal the decision. 
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested/reasonable.
- For more information visit https://www.in.gov/doe/home/mckinney-vento-homeless-children-and-youth-program/

Visit the BCSC homepage under the “Wellness Department” and click on the McKinney Vento section. If you have any questions you may contact the BCSC Employee & Student Assistance Coordinator at 812-376-4555.

Mental Health

BCSC partners with community mental health agencies to get students and families connected to resources when needed.

- Centerstone — 800-344-8802
- Family Service Inc. — 812-372-3745
- MHMBC.crediblemind.com
- Unitedwehelp.org
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

eLEARNING

BCSC eLearning days are remote learning school days that can be utilized for school cancellations due to health concerns, weather or other unforeseen scenarios. eLearning days can be utilized for individual schools or for the entire district.

The first three school days which are closed for inclement weather will be eLearning days. Any school days that are closed thereafter will be made up at the end of the school year. BCSC eLearning days allow for continuous instruction and prepare our students to learn from new and innovative technology.

Students will need to login to Canvas (our school corporation’s learning management system) to complete their assignments during an eLearning day.

Teachers will have learning objectives posted by 9:00 a.m. and will be available to contact between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. We understand that connectivity and other factors may present constraints for some students. In the event of an eLearning day, BCSC has a helpline — 812-418-0252, with a translator to provide language assistance.

Please visit www.bcscschools.org and click on the eLearning link for more information.

ParentSquare

ParentSquare is Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation’s primary communication tool. This system is designed to keep families informed and make participation easier with email, text and app notifications. E-alerts, school closures, weekly e-newsletters and other messages from the district will come from ParentSquare. Please ensure that the email address and phone number we have for you in PowerSchool is correct, so that you can receive this important information. If you have any difficulty or need assistance with this new tool, please contact your student’s school directly. To sign in directly to ParentSquare, please visit: www.parentsquare.com.
Digital Learning FAQ

Why is digital learning important at BCSC?

Digital learning and teaching tools provide all of our students immediate access to information anytime and anywhere they are connected. Through the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework, every student can access high-quality and on-demand content for every subject. Digital learning and teaching tools break down barriers so students can be successful in school and beyond.

What BCSC digital learning tools support the UDL Framework?

Canvas is an online-learning management system (LMS) used at BCSC to plan and deliver educational material to students. Canvas contains learning, assessment, presentation and interactive tools that provide students the many means to understand information and to showcase their understanding. Parents can use Canvas to follow students’ classes and assignments.

What kind of device will my child use?

BCSC will assign a Chromebook to each student in grades K-12. Kindergartners will share one iPad for every three students, as well as have a Chromebook. Chromebooks may be sent home throughout the year.

Who is responsible for loss, theft or damage of a student’s device?

Students and parents will be held financially accountable for damage or loss of the device both on and off school grounds. The replacement cost of a Chromebook is $200 and a touchscreen Chromebook is $250. Students are required to report a lost, stolen or damaged device to their teacher as soon as possible, but no later than the next school day.

How are students protected from inappropriate content?

BCSC complies with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). BCSC maintains a content filter and firewall for all internet-ready computers and equipment. The devices will have all internet traffic monitored and filtered by the district regardless of where the device is being used (inside the district or out). Misuse of the device and/or technology including removal or interfering with the filtering settings will result in strict consequences determined by the district’s Code of Student Conduct.

What resources are available to teach students about being safe online?

BCSC uses digital citizenship content from Common Sense Media (www.commonsense.org). Students, teachers, parents and administration have access to research and tools to help teach students how to behave safely and appropriately online.

Will BCSC provide support, maintenance and repair devices?

BCSC provides technology support and maintenance on all school-listed student devices. Under no circumstances should you or anyone else take the device to a third party for repair or assistance. Parents/students will be accountable for repair/replacement costs due to damage above and beyond normal wear and tear. Deliberate or intentional damage will be charged at the full cost of repair.

Find out more at www.bccscschools.org/technology.
In the interest of maintaining a focused learning environment, the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation (BCSC) has specific guidelines regarding the use of wireless communication devices (WCDs). These devices include, cell phones, earbuds, tablets, laptops, gaming devices and wearable technology. These expectations are in compliance with Senate Enrolled Act 185 which sets forth a legal requirement for all schools in Indiana to restrict the use of wireless communication devices during school hours.

Key points of focus:

1. **During Instructional Hours:**
   - WCDs are not allowed unless a teacher gives prior approval.
   - High school students are to have devices silenced and stored away during class unless given permission to use them for an educational purpose.
   - Middle school students need to have devices powered off and stored in their locker during the school day.
   - Elementary students need to have devices powered off and put away in backpacks or somewhere unseen.

2. **Nonclassroom Areas:**
   - High school students can use WCDs in resource areas, hallways and the cafeteria, as long as they do not disrupt the school environment.

3. **Recording Restrictions:**
   - Unauthorized use of devices for photography or audio/video recording is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.

4. **Teacher/Staff Authority:**
   - Teachers or staff can request that WCDs be turned off and put away at any time.
   - Violating the guidelines may lead to confiscation of the device, which will be handed over to the appropriate office.

5. **Special Permissions:**
   - Under exceptional circumstances and with prior approval, students may receive permission to keep their WCDs on during instructional hours.

**Disciplinary Actions:**

- Violations of the WCD guidelines can result in disciplinary measures, depending on the severity and frequency of the incidents.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to maintain a productive educational environment!

For a more complete version of the Wireless Communication Device Guidelines, please see your student’s handbook.
2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

First Teacher Day  
Professional Development Day  
(no school for students)
First Student Day  
Labor Day (no school)  
Professional Development Day  
(no school for students)
Fall Break (no school)  
Thanksgiving Break (no school)  
First Semester Ends  
Winter Break Begins  
(Dec 23–Jan 3 Winter Break, no school)

Teacher Day  
Classes Begin for 2nd Semester  
Professional Development Day  
(no school for students)
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)  
Spring Break (no school)  
Professional Development Day  
(no school for students)
Good Friday (no school)  
Last Day for Students  
Last Teacher Day  

Grading Periods  
Student Days  
Teacher Days

FIRST SEMESTER
1st Quarter: August 5–October 11  
2nd Quarter: October 21–December 20

SECOND SEMESTER
3rd Quarter: January 6–March 14  
4th Quarter: March 24–May 22

InClement WEAtHER dAYs: The first three will be eLearning days. Additional days beyond day three will be made up at the end of the school year.
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- Clifty Creek Elementary School:
  - Principal: Evan Burton, 812-376-4303
- Columbus Signature Academy - Lodow Campus:
  - Principal: Kellie McIntyre, 812-376-4325
- Columbus Signature Academy - Lincoln Campus:
  - Principal: Brett Findley, 812-376-4447
- Mt. Healthy Elementary School:
  - Principal: Dr. Jennifer Dettmer, 812-376-4423
- W.D. Richards Elementary School:
  - Principal: Jeff Backmeyer, 812-376-4307
- Rockcreek Elementary School:
  - Principal: Katie Day, 812-376-4307
- Southside Elementary School:
  - Principal: Dr. Laura Hack, 812-376-4451

**Secondary Schools**
- Central Middle School:
  - Principal: Mark Newell, 812-376-4451
- Early Education Center:
  - Director: Liz Stroh, 812-376-4569
- BCSC Administration Building:
  - Superintendent: Dr. Chad Phillips, 812-376-4200
  - Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations: Dr. Brett Boezeman, 812-376-4210
  - Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources: Dr. Erin Stalbaum, 812-376-4452
- Northside Middle School:
  - Principal: Dr. Laura Hack, 812-376-4392

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- 2650 Home Ave.
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- Manager of Custodial Services, Tony Frazita, 812-376-4574
- Energy Manager, Martin Roberts, 812-376-4219
- Manager of Maintenance, Drew Minett, 812-376-4231
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- Director of Food Service, Nancy Millspaugh, 812-376-4462

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