



BELLEFONTAINE HIGH SCHOOL

# The Chieftain Chant



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## Commitment: Our Lesson from Selma

By Dr. Noeth

Some years ago, I bought a picture from the Mohammed Ali Museum in Louisville, Kentucky, and it reads: "Commitment: When your belief is strong, and purpose is just, no obstacle can stand in your way."

I keep this picture in my office as a constant reminder. The picture actually has an image from a day in March of 1965, where Martin Luther King, Jr. led thousands of nonviolent demonstrators on a 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, in search of voting rights for all African-Americans.

And, just like the Selma marchers, as Chieftains, our belief is strong and our purpose is just – to educate ourselves so that we can make BHS and our community a better place every day. For this reason, there is no obstacle too big for us to overcome – together.

Last month at BHS, we took three important steps to make our commitment to building a Chieftain Pride – a culture and community of

success. First, all students at BHS wrote their goals for the year – personal goals, academic goals, and extracurricular goals. All students shared their goals, and made a commitment to work towards these goals. It is my hope for all students that because their purpose is just, that no obstacle can stand in their way of reaching these goals.

Second, students submitted designs for a school-wide Heart of a Chieftain t-shirt, and we voted on the winner at lunch. The winner was senior, Adam Smith! We want to wear these shirts at designated events where students and staff can go to watch and cheer on Chieftains in extracurricular activities. Also, we can wear our school shirts on Chieftain Fridays to show our Chieftain Pride.

Finally, we showcased our school spirit when our outstanding marching band marched the halls on Fridays at the end of the day. It was awesome to watch students and staff line the hallways to join in on the Fight Song and get excited

for all of the Chieftain events for the weekend. Though our "Friday March" is a little different than the March from Selma to Montgomery, our purpose is also just – to build and showcase our Chieftain Pride.

It is exciting to see how our students have made our school a better place already this year. At the end of the day, life is about relationships, and we want our Chieftain Pride and Chieftain Culture to be strong – where we treat each other well, build each other up, and help one another reach our goals. It reminds me of the late Maya Angelou's statement:

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*

Thank you, Chiefs, for showing your commitment to our Chieftain Pride! You really make a difference!

## BHS: Learning Takes Place Everywhere

**LEARNING TAKES PLACE EVERYWHERE:** In June 2016, a group of 8 Bellefontaine residents accompanied JoAnne Aburto, Spanish teacher and NHS Adviser, to Costa Rica for a 9-day tour. While there, they climbed the Volcano Poás, kayaked on the lake close to Volcano Arenal, went zip lining and horseback riding, among other activities. Costa Rica is dedicated to preserving their natural environment, so ecotourism is a major industry. BHS Senior Spencer Whetsel got the opportunity to continue his service projects with the National Honor Society. He presented a one-room school's teacher, educating students from kindergarten through 6th grade, a box of supplies for the students to be able to use and played soccer with the students in their recess area. Along with that, he was able to plant a tree for the conservation of their birds, butterflies and other insects along the "Mountain-to-Ocean" corridor. This type of service was a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity and helped us all to understand that we can change the world, one tiny piece at a time.

Pictured here are: Toni Eicher (Bellefontaine), Spencer Whetsel (BHS Senior) and Mrs. Aburto, along with two students from Washington State.



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**LEARNING TAKES PLACE EVERYWHERE:** Alison McAleer, Brynn Noffsinger, and Olivia Robbins are pictured with their survival shelters from Mrs. Smith's English class. Students had to explain and build a shelter as part of a "Lord of the Flies" project. Also in the group but not pictured is Davis Norris.

**LEARNING TAKES PLACE EVERYWHERE:** 43 students submitted artwork for the BHS t-shirt design contest. BHS has some great artists. We had a celebration lunch in the courtyard for all 43 students who entered the contest. Adam Smith (top row – second from right) won the contest, while sister Hannah Smith (bottom row first on the left) was the runner up. Congratulations to all who submitted designs for the competitions! Order your t-shirts this week at:

<http://heartofachieftain.itemorder.com>





## BHS Reading Challenge: September



### TOP READERS THIS MONTH!



### FAST FACTS

The Reading Challenge is off to a good start this month! So far, the stats are awesome:

- 219 books read
- 58 students met their challenge goal
- *Crank*, by Ellen Hopkins, is the most read book



**LINCOLN PRICE:** One of the best books Lincoln read was *Deception Point*, by Dan Brown. Lincoln said, "I like the way the author absorbs your attention. It's almost like you're living it."



**KAYLE HENDERSON:** One of the best books Kayle read was *Divergent*, by Veronica Roth. Kayle said, "The book *Divergent* is told by the main character, Tris. The book is a sci-fi book. Tris goes through challenges about who she is and where she belongs. She fights battles with herself. She just wants to be free."



**ALEXIS NEWMAN:** Alexis says she likes to read because it's something to do in her free time and it is relaxing.



## *Student Reporter: Seniors of the Month*

By Student Reporter, Abbi Adelsberger (as seen on WPKO)

Each month at Bellefontaine High School, two worthy seniors are awarded the honor of Senior of the Month. The selected students are considered good school citizens, they contribute to the school in a positive manner, and have had a community or school-related achievement within the past month.

Carrie Robb and Nick Kurtz are the Seniors of the Month for August. They each received multiple nominations from teachers and staff.

The selection process for Senior of the Month begins with staff recommendations and continues with the principal seeking input from staff and students.

Within each nomination, teachers and staff wrote why those students are worthy of recognition.

For Carrie Robb, teachers wrote that she is helpful to students and staff, is an outstanding leader among her peers, cited her involvement with countless extra-curricular activities, and possesses multiple talents. Staff also noticed her accomplishments which included being a HOBY representative, a Dare officer, and her role as secretary for National Honor Society (NHS).

Nick Kurtz was described by staff as intelligent, motivated, a great representative of Bellefontaine High School, conscientious towards students, and a spectacular leader among his peers. Staff also took note of his accomplishments which included a 4.2 GPA and his role as president for NHS.

Seniors of the Month will receive recognition at the last Kiwanis meeting of the month, and may also receive other recognition from the BCS 360 television show and may participate in special events with the principal. Because of this, these students are considered by staff and community as true examples of the value of Bellefontaine High School.



SENIOR, NICK KURTZ



SENIOR, CARRIE ROBB

**BHS ORCHESTRA:** The Orchestra had their first uniform makeover in 19 years! We would like to thank the Music Parents and Friends for their generosity and support in making this happen! We will be wearing out new uniforms at the Holiday Concert in December.

Thursday, September 29th- Composer Karen Koger will be spending the day with the BCS Orchestra Department

Saturday, October 1st 10-5pm @ BMS in the cafeteria is our annual Mattress Sale for the Orchestra Department- proceeds will go to bringing in a touring group next school year and technology for the department.

**GET YOUR CHIEFTAIN CHANT!:** 2017 Yearbooks will be going on sale soon. If you've never purchased one in the past, this is the year to do so. Books will be on sale for a special low price of \$50 for any orders we receive before Thanksgiving Break. Order forms will be made available in the front office. If you missed out on years' past, contact Christopher Miller about unsold books at [millercc@bcs-k12.org](mailto:millercc@bcs-k12.org).

## ***“Talk from the Tribe”***

### **A BELLEFONTAINE HOMECOMING TRADITION:**

Homecoming mum corsages are now on sale. Homecoming Mums are \$10.00. Carnations are \$8.00. Homecoming is October 14th. All orders must be placed in advance and paid for by October 7th. Corsages will be available for pick up under the stadium before the game on Friday evening starting at about 5:30 pm. Please see a BHS Cheerleader or contact one of the coaches.

**NEW IN PROGRESSBOOK:** BCS has added a new feature to your ProgressBook accounts. You can request to receive an alert when an assignment is marked as missing or if an assignment receives a low grade. These alerts can be found on the menu at the left of the screen right above the "My Account" link. Click on the "Alerts" link and choose the features you want. BCS hopes this will add one more layer of communication between parents and teachers when it comes to student performance.

**COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS:** College Credit Plus (CCP) is a state-wide program where students earn high school and college credit simultaneously for little to no cost with college credentialed teachers either at BHS or on the college campus.

BHS offers many courses with our own college credentialed teachers on staff. This fall, we enrolled 106 students in 152 college credit plus courses for a total of 626 Semester Hours right here on the BHS campus during the school day. This is comparable to last fall, which was a huge increase with the implementation of the CCP program.

### **BHS CCP Courses:**

English I  
English II  
Intro to Literature  
American Literature  
College Algebra  
Calculus I  
Calculus II  
Fundamentals of Biology  
General Chemistry I  
General Chemistry II  
Solid Modeling/Engineering Design  
General Physics I  
General Physics II  
Spanish I  
Spanish II  
Contemporary American Business/Marketing Management  
Promotion & IMC Strategies/Principles of Management  
General Psychology  
Foreign Language - French - Studies I  
Foreign Language - French - Studies II





**THE PRIDE OF THE TRIBE:** The BHS Band Spectacular hosted 10 bands! This year's show, Gee Wiz!, is certainly spectacular.

**LADY CHIEFS GOLF TEAM BRING HOME THE FIRST CBC CHAMPIIONSHIP OF THE YEAR!** Congratulations! Members of the golf team pictured below: Back Row – Coach Darin Vermillion, Emily Fulmer, Amy Fulmer, Enya Mitchell, Shelby Starkey, Coach Brady Hiatt. Front Row – Haley Watkins, Samantha McLaughlin, Emily McLaughlin, Megan Beaverson, Ari Hiatt.



## *“Chieftain Pride”*



**YOUNG AMERICANS VISIT BHS CHOIR:** The Young Americans visited BHS choir, and provided an excellent performance opportunity for our students! The Young Americans are focused on providing music education and performance opportunities to young people around the world. The International Music Outreach Tours promote the importance of music education by bringing music workshops to K through 12th grade students around the world. The Young Americans College of the Performing Arts provides an innovative and creative learning environment that fosters artistic, intellectual and personal growth for those interested in becoming performers or arts educators.

# News for the Month

## COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Date:	Events:
10/12	Huddle Day (start time 9:30 a.m.)
10/12	Logan Co. Financial Aid Night, 6:30 p.m. BHS Auditorium
10/13	Homecoming Parade
10/14	Football Game
10/15	Homecoming Dance
10/21	COEA/NEA Day No school for students
10/24	Interim Distribution
10/26	Powderpuff Football Game 7:00 p.m. (rain date 10/27)
**	Please check the athletic calendar for all of our sports!

### A&I

We are encouraging students to use A&I period for help and intervention in coursework. If students need help, all teachers are here at 7:30 am to provide extra instruction. This is critical part of student success. Please encourage students to attend A&I.

### State Testing

There are many new requirements for state testing for all students grades 9-11 this year. They include:

**Classes of 2018 and beyond** – End-of-course tests in English Language Arts I and II, Algebra I, Geometry (or Integrated Mathematics I and II), Biology or Physical Science (class of 2018 only), American History and American Government.

Students must attain a total of 18 points on these tests. Each test is a maximum of 5 points. Also, students must earn at least 4 points in math (Algebra I & Geometry), 4 points in English (ELA I&II), and 6 points between Social Studies and Science (Biology, American History, and American Government).

The state of Ohio is now also requiring schools to administer ACT to all juniors. We will be giving ACT to all juniors on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This test can also fulfill graduation requirements, if students earn a minimum of 18 in English and 22 in math. Juniors must have a reading subscore of 21 or higher, and freshmen & sophomores must have a reading subscore of 22 or higher.

Seniors are still required to pass OGT.

Students in technology courses will also take ACT Work Keys to earn an industry credential. This also fulfills a graduation requirement.

For more information, please see the Ohio Department of Education's testing website:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing>