

# BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## "SCHOOL OPENING"

The following information should help you prepare for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. If you have any questions or concerns during the school year, please reach out to the appropriate building first at the following numbers:

**Blanchester High School** (Grades 9-12) - (937) 783-2461, Eric Lawson, Principal; Jason Whitaker, Assistant Principal

**Blanchester Middle School** (Grades 5-8) - (937) 783-3642, Ryan Briggs, Principal; Kristina White, Assistant Principal

**Putman Elementary School** (Grades P-4) - (937) 783-2681, Jeri Earley, Principal; Kristina White, Assistant Principal    Preschool Director, Kristin Unversaw

Should you have additional questions or concerns, you may contact the Board Office at:

**Blanchester Local Schools Board Office** - (937) 783-3523

**Blanchester Local Schools** will open **Tuesday, August 20, 2024** for the 2024-25 school year, beginning their 170<sup>th</sup> year of service to the young people of the district. **ALL** schools will be in session for a full day the first day. Lunch will be served in each cafeteria and students should be prepared to begin their studies. **The kindergarten students do a staggered start. Half of the class will begin Tuesday, August 27th and NOT attend Wednesday, August 28th. The other half of the class will begin Wednesday, August 28th. All kindergarteners will attend Thursday, August 29th. Your child's teacher will let you know what day your child starts at your conference. AM Preschool students will attend Tuesday, August 27th only. PM Preschool students will attend Wednesday, August 28th only. AM & PM Preschool students will attend Thursday, August 29th.**

The following information will answer many questions; however, district residents may call their child's school or the district office for clarification or further information.

### **DISTRICT PERSONNEL:**

**Randy Dunlap, Superintendent, 937-783-3523**

**Alleyn Unversaw, Treasurer, 937-783-3523**

**Raechel Purdon, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, 937-783-3523**

**Kristin Unversaw, Director of Special Education, 937-783-3523**

**Emily Ledford, Director of Student Services, 937-783-3523**

**Barb Prater, Transportation Supervisor, 937-783-3714**

**Jeryl Weis, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, 937-783-3523**

**Paula Wallace, Cafeteria Supervisor, 937-783-1212**

**Jenny Ballinger, District Nurse 937-783-2461**

**Brad Ballinger, Athletic Director 937-783-2461**

### **OPEN HOUSE**

**PUTMAN ELEMENTARY:** Grades PS thru 4 - Friday, August 16, 2024 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL :** Grades 5 thru 8 – Friday, August 16, 2024, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Grades 9 thru 12 – Friday, August 16, 2024, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**MEET THE TEAM AND BAND PERFORMANCE WILL FOLLOW HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. 7:15 – 8:00 pm**

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration of new and returning students is completed online through FINALFORMS.COM. If you have any questions about registering your students for the upcoming school year contact the Board Office 937-783-3523.

## **SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH**

### **School Meal Prices for the 2024-25 School Year are as follows:**

Grades K-5: Breakfast \$2.00, Reduced Breakfast \$0.30, Lunch \$3.25, Reduced Lunch \$0.40

Grades 6-12: Breakfast \$2.00, Reduced Breakfast \$0.30, Lunch \$3.50, Reduced Lunch \$0.40

**\*\*Note:** All students approved for reduced meals will receive free meals per the state of Ohio.

## **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

Some school bus morning routes **have changed** from last year. For route changes including new pick up and drop off times please go to Blanchester Local Schools website and select the Bus Routes Link on the main page. Bus Routes will also be posted at each building during Open House. Specific questions concerning transportation should be addressed to **Barb Prater, Transportation Supervisor at 937-783-3714.**

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Each school charges a fee for materials or workbooks that cannot be used by other children. There will be a Student Plan Book/Handbook fee for Grades 5 thru 12 - \$6.00. In addition the class fees for the 2024-2025 school year are: Kindergarten - \$58.00, 1st - \$62.00, 2nd - \$66.00, 3rd & 4th Grades - \$68.00, 5th - \$47.00, 6th - \$28.00, 7th & 8th - \$31.00, Grades 9 thru 12 – According to schedule of classes. Specific questions concerning School Fees should be addressed to the building Principal.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School Supply lists for each building grade level are listed on [www.blanschools.org](http://www.blanschools.org) under the school building your child is attending.

## **CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE**

We are offering Chromebook Insurance for students in grades 5-12. Parents must purchase the insurance in order for their students to be allowed to take their school issued Chromebook home. Students will not be able to take Chromebooks home until the insurance agreement has been signed and turned in with the \$20.00 insurance premium.

## **OAKS STUDENTS**

**LAUREL OAKS** Junior Day - **AUGUST 14, 2024 All students AUGUST 15, 2024**

**Bus to Laurel Oaks & Southern Ohio Learning Center** will depart from the high school at **approximately 7:30 a.m.**

**LIVE OAKS** – Junior Day - **AUGUST 14, 2024 All students AUGUST 15, 2024**

**SCARLET OAKS** Junior Day - **AUGUST 14, 2024 All students AUGUST 15, 2024**