

School Matters

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools

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

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Building Project

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools are excited to announce that the construction phase of the building project is underway! Site preparation began on Tuesday, March 26th.

For building project updates, please visit our website at www.sbep-schools.org and click the "Building Project" tab under "Quick Links."

Excellence in Financial Reporting in 2018

For the second year in a row, St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools has earned the Ohio Auditor of State Award for demonstrating excellence in financial reporting, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and in compliance with applicable laws. Congratulations to Mrs. Hauser and her staff on a job well done!

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: certified copy of child's birth certificate, parent's driver's license, custody papers (if applicable), and proof of residency (current mortgage, rental/lease agreement, copy of deed or land contract, paystub, or income tax return). To schedule an appointment or to ask a question, please call Pam Carroll at 513-482-7121.











Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances

On Saturday, January 26th, the Titan Fan Club hosted its Father/Daughter Dance in the high school cafeteria. Girls wore pretty dresses, and dads wore dress shirts, suits and ties. The night was filled with lots of laughter, great dance moves, and little girls spending quality time with their dads.

The Titan Fan Club hosted its Mother/Son Dance on Saturday, March 23rd, in the high school gymnasium. Mothers and their sons dressed in neon colors and danced the night away. Thank you to the Titan Fan Club for all they do to support the students and staff of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Schools. Everyone had a great time!

Titan Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Celebration

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Titan Athletic Hall of Fame dinner and celebration will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School. Two new members will be inducted into the Titan Athletic Hall of Fame: Kim Edwards, Class of 2005, and Tom Lattimore, Class of 1982. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 p.m. Social Hour in the Gym and Gym Lobby 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program in the Cafeteria

Keynote Speaker will be WLWT News 5 Executive Sports Producer George Vogel, a Georgetown native and the 2016 National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Ohio Sportscaster of the Year.

Ticket cost is \$20. Anyone may purchase tickets by May 3, 2019, from Matt Koenig, Titan Athletic Director (513-482-7105 or mkoenig@sbep-schools.org), St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School, 4615 Tower Avenue, St. Bernard, OH 45217. Checks should be made payable to the Titan Fan Club and can be mailed to Mr. Koenig at the address indicated. Tickets also may be purchased online at https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=131163.

High School news...



Homecoming

After two snow related postponements, the Homecoming Dance was held on Saturday, January 26th. More than 100 students braved the cold to dance the night away.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as class representatives to the 2018-19 Homecoming Court:

Seniors: Jordan Glass, Makayla Johnson, Isshiyah Latham, Durae Robinson Camara Woodrum, and Sarah Woolridge.

Junior: Peyton Pugh Sophomore: Seth Hall Freshman: Romel Miller

Pictured above are Queen Makayla Johnson and King Durae Robinson, who were crowned at half-time of the varsity boys' basketball victory over MVCA, January 11, 2019.

Sophomores Visit Scarlet Oaks

Over 60 sophomores traveled to Great Oaks, Scarlet Oaks Campus, on Friday, January 11th. They explored a wide variety of career and technical education programs while visiting Scarlet Oaks. Many of these students will be applying for admission to a career-technical program for the 2019-2020 school year.



Varsity Girls Basketball

The Lady Titans ended the season with a 15-7 record overall. They were co-champs in the Miami Valley Conference (MVC) Gray Division with a 12-4 conference record. Lauren Brown led the MVC in scoring with 18.8 points per game. Junior Jhalesa Chappell contributed to her team's success with 12.8 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. Great job, Lady Titans!



Junior High Spelling Bee

The annual Junior High Spelling Bee was held on Monday, January 14th, with 17 seventh- and eighth-graders participating. In the end, seventh-grader Anna Worley brought home the trophy by correctly spelling the word "writhing." Congratulations to all who participated.

Second Quarter Awards

On Tuesday, January 22nd, students were honored with second-quarter awards. Recognition went to 222 students for academic honor roll, perfect behavior, and/or perfect attendance. Nineteen students received awards in all three areas.

College and Career Night at SBEP

SBEPHS hosted its first College and Career Night on February 20, 2019. At 16 different tables throughout the high school, representatives from colleges and organizations (including Xavier University, University of Cincinnati, DQL, Wright State, Thomas More, UC Blue Ash, and Proctor and Gamble) gave parents and students the opportunity to speak with them, ask questions, and receive information about admissions and various programs that they offer. The evening included two breakout sessions: a FAFSA information session, led by Clare Bunning from the Bursar's Office at Xavier University, and a session entitled "Guiding the College-Bound Athlete," led by Sue Ramsey. The turnout was significant; hopefully, the event will continue to grow each year.



Varsity Boys Basketball

The boys' basketball team was 7-16 overall for the season, with a 5-11 record in the MVC. T.J. Grove led the Titan scoring with 12.6 points per game and was second in the MVC in rebounding, averaging 9.3 rebounds per game. The Titans played hard and brought their best to every game. Thanks for the effort, gentlemen!

Elementary news...



EPE Receives Generous Contribution from Terry Ramstetter Foundation

Elmwood Place Elementary was selected by the Terry Ramstetter Foundation to receive a \$1000 dollar donation. The foundation's mission is to lift up those less fortunate and to present them with loving support and opportunities. Principal Sherry Peters accepted the award on behalf of Elmwood Place Elementary. The donation is being used to purchase new athletic shoes and other footwear when a student has a noticeable need. Sometimes growing children need new shoes more often than their families can afford. EPE sincerely appreciates the generosity of the Terry Ramstetter Foundation.





After-school Fun at EPE

EPE students look forward to staying after-school on certain Wednesdays in February and March. For the second year in a row, students have had the opportunity to enrich their learning through fun classes such as Soccer Stars, Spanish, Jewelry Making, Ceramics, Cheerleading, Lego Fun, STEM Fun, and Animal Fun. The Winter Enrichment Program, mostly taught by staff members, is a positive and popular experience that has benefited all who have participated.



First Grade Rock Start Day

On Friday, March 8th, Mrs. Girard and Mrs. Heim's firstgrade classes celebrated the 120th day of school with Rock Start Day. All students and teachers in the first grade at SBE dressed up like rock stars and did special, fun-filled activities throughout the day.

Students Demonstrate Pride and Patriotism Each Day at EPE

Each school day at EPE begins with a welcome from Principal Peters and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, led by a student over the intercom. Throughout the school year, different students from grades K-6 are assigned to come to the office and lead the pledge. This routine signifies that a new school day has begun and that each day brings with it a new opportunity for students to be respectful, accountable, appropriate, and kind.









Creative Strategies

EPE Kindergarten teachers often use creative strategies such as role-play in their everyday instruction. The teachers and students may pretend to be doctors, performing "vowel surgery" on words. This activity is designed to help students differentiate vowel sounds and to reinforce that every word has a vowel. Dr. Aa'iriyon, Dr. Blake, and Dr. Konnor are happy to announce that the procedure was successful!



Student of the Month

Every month, students at St. Bernard Elementary are recognized for exhibiting good behavior and good citizenship and for being positive role models in the building. All students gather in the gym for a special assembly, at which selected students receive certificates and magnets for their parents' cars. These students also have a pizza party with the principal.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration at SBE

On Friday, March 1st, St. Bernard Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with the "Stop, Drop, and Read" initiative. At 10:00 a.m., all students in grades K-6 stopped what they were doing and picked up a book to read for fifteen minutes. All students were excited to read their favorite books.

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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 2019-2020. 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 11, 2019, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., to discuss the budget, or contact Mr. Carter Cordes at 482-7115.