### **BTCS NEWS**

#BTCS GNITE

Summer 2023



### Summer Meals & Books

Coming soon to a location near you

## BTCS SUMMER FREE MEALS PROGRAM

### **Fairmount Elementary School**

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### **Daily Sites with the Munch Box**

Sage Meadows Apartments 11:00 a.m.
Volunteer Village 11:45 a.m.
Mountain View Apartments 12:15 p.m.
Bristol Heights Mobile Home Park Office 1:00 p.m.
Brookside Mobile Home Park 1:45 p.m.

A meal will also be provided to children participating in summer programs in Bristol Tennessee City Schools, YWCA, and YMCA.

- Monday-Friday
- Any child under 18 is invited!
- All meals must be eaten on-site.
- · No meals on July 4 or weekends.
- Meals will include goody bags! (while supplies last)





### BTCS BOOK BUS



Join the fun this summer at the location most convenient for your family!

All services are FREE!

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### Back-to-School Dates to Remember

**August 4** 

First Day of School

Early Dismissal

Elementary (8:10-10:10 a.m.) TMS and THS (7:30-9:30 a.m.)

The two-hour day on August 4 provides students with an orientation to meet their teachers and learn their schedules. It also helps schools identify new students and determine which students are returning from last school year. With updated enrollment numbers, we can have teachers assigned to the appropriate schools and grade levels prior to the first full day of school. Buses run.

August 7

Teacher Work Day School Closed

August 8

First Full Student Day





<u>Subscribe</u>

## BTES BOOK BUS

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### **SCHEDULE**

JUNE 2023									
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JULY 2023									
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The books chosen are forever books and do not need to be returned!

LOCATIONS	TIMES
Fairmount Elementary School	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Little Hands Child Care Center	9:45 a.m 10:05 a.m.
Littlest Angel Child Care Center	10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Sage Meadows Apartments	11:00 a.m 11:30 a.m.
Volunteer Village	11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Mountain View Apartments	12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Bristol Heights Estates	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Brookside Mobile Home Park:	1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A Bristol Public Library card is not required for participation.

The BTCS Book Bus is a partnership with the Bristol Public Library.



If you see something, say something! The Safe School Helpline is a convenient, confidential way for anyone to anonymously report information about situations that might affect safety at our schools. The Safe School Helpline is free and available 24/7. Examples of threatening situations include but are not limited to the following: bullying, drugs, theft, thoughts of suicide, violence, or weapons.



### Four Ways to Report to the Safe School Helpline

- 1.**Call**: 1-800-418-6423 / 1-800-4-1-VOICE (Ext. 359)
- 2. **Text**: TIPS to 614-426-0240
- 3. Online: SafeSchoolHelpline.com
- 4. Mobile App: FREE on App Store or Google Play

In addition, trained counselors are available 24 hours per day to talk with persons seeking assistance in coping with suicide thoughts, depression, or feelings of loneliness and loss. Callers can press option '3' when prompted.

### **Outstanding Spring Athletic Achievements**

Congratulations to our THS & TMS spring athletic teams and athletes

### THS Track & Field

### GIRLS TEAM - STATE RUNNER-UP

### **STATE CHAMPIONS**



ZOE ARRINGTON 1600 Meter Run 3200 Meter Run



FAIRYN MEARES Pole Vault



CHASE WOLFENBARGER Triple Jump

s	STATE MEDALISTS							
JENNA REECHER	3rd Place	800 Meter Run						
LIZ ROUSE	3rd Place	Long Jump						
KEELEY CANTER	4th Place	Discus Throw						
CODY ROBINSON	4th Place	Shot Put						
LIZ ROUSE	4th Place	100M Hurdles						
THOMAS SLATER	4th Place	Triple Jump						
KENDALL CROSS	5th Place	300M Hurdles						
KEELEY CANTER	7th Place	Shot Put						
KEEYANAH FOOTE	8th Place	Triple Jump						

6th Place; 4x200 Meter Relay

Kendall Cross, Keeyanah Foote, Abby Littleton, Chase Wolfenbarger

7th Place; 4x100 Meter Relay

Keeyanah Foote, Abby Littleton, Hannah Plumbar, Chase Wolfenbarger

7th Place; 4x400 Meter Relay

Kendall Cross, Abby Littleton, Riley Miller, Jenna Reecher

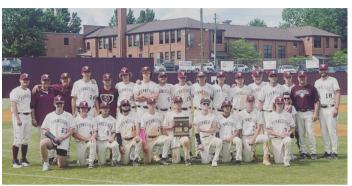
#### **TMS Track & Field**

**KEATON ROMANS** 

1st Place

Conference Long Jump

#### **THS Baseball**



DISTRICT, REGIONAL, SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

State Tournament Participants

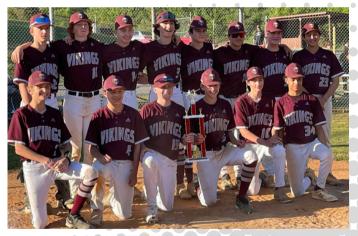


#### **THS Girls Tennis**

ELLYSON KOVACS

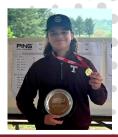
**REGION CHAMPION** State Meet Participant

### TMS Baseball



CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

### **TMS Boys Golf**



CONFERENCE TEAM CHAMPIONS

**WICK BAKER** 

Individual District Champion



# CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2023









<u> Graduate Achievements</u>



**Graduate Achievements** 



Amanda Varney is presented the Rotary Teacher of the Year Award by Director of Schools Dr. Annette Tudor.

### **AMANDA VARNEY** Rotary Teacher of the Year

Amanda Varney, seventh-grade math Teacher at Tennessee Middle School, was selected as the 2023 outstanding teacher for BTCS by the Rotary Club of Bristol VA-TN. Ms. Varney was selected from eight district nominees. She received a gift of \$3,500, and TMS received \$1,000. Read more about Ms. Varney and the other nominees here.

### **BTCS Foundation Scholarship Recipients**

### **Congratulations to these graduating seniors**

Each May, the Bristol Tennessee City Schools Foundation presents scholarships/awards, which are administered through the foundation, to Tennessee High School graduating seniors to help them pursue their dreams through postsecondary education. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

\$1,000

**Catherine Susan Dunn Memorial Scholarship** 

**RAINA MOODY** 

\$2,500

**Hart Sisters Nursing Scholarship** 

**ISABELLE STUBBLEFIELD** 

\$1,000

**Tony Mitchell Memorial Scholarship** 

\$1,000

**Coach Dale Burns** Student-Athlete Award

**MARLEY JOHNS** 

**RYLAN HENARD & ASHLEY WORLEY** 

\$1,000 each

William Scheuer **Outstanding Attitude Award** 

> **BRIDGET FLAHERTY CHRISTIAN WILSON**

Click here for more information about the BTCS Foundation scholarships and awards or to find out how you can contribute to future awards.





### **Best in Show**

Dakari Wheeler wins Best in Show two years running at 2023 ArtEx



Congratulations to Tennessee High's Dakari Wheeler on winning Best in Show at the 2023 ArtEx (Artistic Excellence) competition with his "Mansa Musa" work. This is the second year Dakari has captured the Best in Show title at the competition.

The City of Bristol's BTN-TV production team once again worked with the ArtEx committee to create a virtual video exhibition of this year's submissions, which may be viewed here.

Congratulations to all student artists from the region who had their works on display. Special thanks to Tennessee High's art teachers Shawn Graham and Donnie Quales. ArtEx began in 2009 as a committee of Arts Alliance Mountain Empire and in 2012 became a committee of Art in Public Places.

### Ready Workforce Institute

### Another way Viking Academy is preparing students for a successful future

Viking Academy, an innovative high school model located at the Friendship Career Center, is taking a bold step in preparing its students for the workforce. In January 2023, the school introduced the Ready Workforce Institute, a program that allows students to work each Friday at job placements in local businesses. The placements are on a four-week rotation, and students get paid at the end of each four-week placement for the days worked. Learn more.

COur community needs our students, and our students need our community!" Ann Oakley, Career Counselor



### **Elementary Robotics**

### Challenge "Slapshot"

Elementary students met at Fairmount
Elementary on May 18 to showcase their
learning in STEM (Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Math) through the Robotics
Showcase. Eight teams from three elementary
schools competed in the VexIQ Robotics
Challenge: Slapshot.

This game required students to engineer and build a robot that could trigger a variety of devices to release discs onto the playing field. Students then used their robot to scoop up the discs and launch them under a bar to score points on the opposite end of the field.

Students were paired with another team to earn as many points as possible during the given time period. At the end of the qualifying round, teams were sorted into competition groups to compete for the final event. And the winners were ...

### Haynesfield TYLER SMITH

Tyler the Soccer Kid Pro

#### **Holston View**

Reilly Wright, Hudson Boatman, Sreekar Mutnuri & Ivan Fielitz

**Demetrius Cornelius Cornwall** 



### **Local Food Grant**

BTCS receives \$90,000 grant for local farmto-school initiatives



The BTCS Department of School Nutrition has been awarded a \$90,000 grant through the Local Food for Tennessee Schools program, administered by the Tennessee Department of Education. This initiative, which is part of the cooperative agreement between the USDA and Tennessee, aims to encourage healthier eating habits among students and foster closer relationships between schools and local farmers. The grant program will provide more than \$4.1 million to increase the availability of nutritious, locally sourced food in school meal programs across the state.

"The goal of the program is to improve child nutrition and build new relationships between schools and local farmers," said Jennifer Burleson, director of school nutrition for BTCS. "We want to provide the freshest foods possible to our students. By taking advantage of our locally grown supply, we know that the produce is fresh, and we are supporting local farmers and local economies."

The funding will be available for a period of three school years, enabling the school district to make significant strides in sourcing local and nutritious food options for students. BTCS has already established valuable partnerships with local suppliers, demonstrating its commitment to supporting the local economy. Some of the notable partnerships include Fleenor Farms, H&H Meat Market, Scott's Strawberry and Tomato Farms, and The Big Red Apple Shed. Through these collaborations, the school nutrition department has already procured a variety of fresh and wholesome products, including beef, strawberries, apples, tomatoes, and other miscellaneous produce.



#### Schools Closed

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Teacher Work Day	August 7
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Fall Break	
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\*Schools are closed this day. Parent conference dates/times are scheduled by each school during evening hours.

#### Early Dismissals

August 4	Elementary (8:10-10:10)

TMS and THS (7:30-9:30)

December 21

Elementary (8:10-12:30) TMS and THS (7:30-11:45) Students pick up report cards

May 23

PreK/Kindergarten Registration April 4, 2024

#### School Closings/Delays

For schedule change information, call the BTCS Weather Info Line at (423) 652-9554 or visit btcs.org.

#### Two-Hour Delay Schedule

Elementary (10:10-3:10) TMS and THS (9:30-2:30)

Reporting an Absence								
Anderson	(423) 652-9444							
Avoca	(423) 652-9445							
Fairmount	(423) 652-9311							
Haynesfield	(423) 652-9292							
Holston View	(423) 652-9470							
Tennessee Middle	(423) 652-9449							
Tennessee High	(423) 652-9499							

It is important to contact your child's school as soon as you know an absence is necessary. Each school has a 24-hour messaging system.

### 2023-2024 School Calendar

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Regular Student Day

Early Dismissal

Holiday (Closed)

Teacher Inservice/Flexible Learning

Parent Conference (Closed)



#### Interim Reports

September 5-8 November 13-17 February 5-9 April 22-26

#### **End of Nine Weeks**

October 6 December 21 March 15 May 23

#### Report Card Distribution

October 18 January 10 March 27 May 23