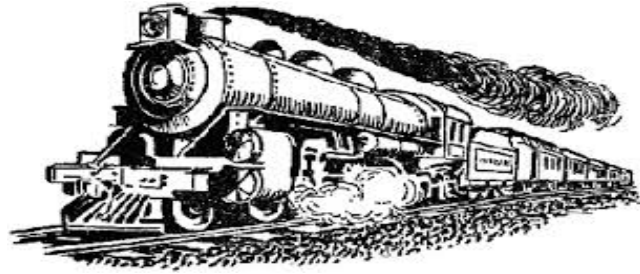


# RAILROADER RUMBLE

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By: Alexis Barhorst



For the month of October, I interviewed Chloe Thompson who is our school Athletic Director. For the 2021 start of new sports, we have joined a new conference. Instead of being in the Cross County Conference, we are now in the Western Ohio Athletic Conference. I asked her what made us go to a new conference and she said it was what was best for the longevity of our students here at Bradford. I then asked what other schools were in the conference and she said Ansonia, Arcanum, Dixie, Franklin Monroe, Mississinawa Valley, National Trail, Newton, Preble Shawnee, Tri-County North, Tri-Village, and Twin Valley South.

I asked her if the conference will be competitive and if so why. She said that it will be a competitive conference in each sport. She also believes that each sport will contribute to different sports across the board and will make us very strong overall. I asked her what she thinks our school will do in the conference. She believes that we will be very successful in the new league. We have already had a great showing in golf, and will be finishing up Cross Country and Volleyball soon. Basketball will be challenging, but the spring might bring more success as well. There will definitely be challenges, but they will make us better in the long run.

Mr. Barr, New High School and Jr High Principal

By: Abbygail Fike

Let us meet our new Principal, Mr. Barr. He is married to his wife, Emily and has three children, Cael, Grant, and Laurynn. He graduated from Sidney High School and also has a Bachelors of Arts in Mild/Moderate Disabilities from the University of St. Francis, a Masters Degree in Teacher Leadership from Graceland University, and his Principal's License from University of Dayton.



He has been a principal at Graham and Sidney schools and addition to that he has 23 years of education experience. Prior to coming to Bradford, he was the Director of Special Education at Sidney City Schools. Some of his hobbies include: golfing, playing cards, spending time with family, playing cornhole, traveling, attending sporting events, and concerts.

His biggest goal is to give the best effort possible for the staff and students here. Staff goal is to keep making a positive impact on the students any way they can. The students goal is to realize that they live in a wonderful community and to have pride in the fact that they are attending Bradford.

What made him come here? He wanted to get back into a small district and Bradford was right up his alley. When looking at Bradford, he realized that our community is hardworking and amazing at helping anyone out when needed. Bradford is also very dedicated to the school system and its successes. So far Mr. Barr loves how amazing this school is and all the

phenomenal students and staff members. If you see Mr. Barr in the hallways, always say hi!

New Cafeteria Staff: Rita Puthoff  
By: Sarah Beckstedt



This year we have two new cafeteria staff, one of which is named Rita Puthoff. She joined the staff because of her two kids, Patrick and Andrew. When asked the pros and cons of working in the cafeteria her pros were, being able to see her kids at lunch as well as getting to watch her kids and their friends grow up through the years. The cons that she described were, some kids don't stack their trays correctly at the end of their lunch. Besides that small inconvenience, Rita stated that she enjoys working in the cafeteria because she's been able to grow closer to the kids, as well as her coworkers.

New Cafeteria Staff: Katlyn Francis  
By: Dalton Reck



Katlyn Francis is a new member of the Bradford cafeteria staff. When asked what inspired her to come work in the cafeteria, she stated, "I just love to cook." What could be a better job than doing what you love while seeing the smiling faces of Bradford students. Katlyn also said, "I feel closer to the students now that I get to serve them lunch everyday. One pro would be that I get off early, but one con would be that I have to get up early." Her favorite thing about the job is that she gets to cook because she loves it so much.

Homecoming Schedule  
By: Isabella Hamilton



### *Congratulations to the 2021 Homecoming Court!*

To kick off the homecoming week, we will be doing a spirit week.

~Monday is pajama day!!!

~Tuesday is Tie Dye dayyyyyyyy!

~Wednesday is a pink out!

~Thursday is Hawaiian!

~Friday is vintage orange and black!

Make sure you are reppin' spirit week to celebrate homecoming!

Wednesday, October 6th, we have Powder-Puff and Buff 'n Tuff, so come out and support the juniors and seniors as they compete! It takes place at the football field, and it is at 7 pm.

Saturday, October 9th is homecoming!! It will be in the Bradford High School Auditoria. It is from 7-10 pm. The theme is "It's All Fun and Games."



Bradford FFA  
By: Molly Clark

This year our FFA chapter has many events coming in the future. FFA fruit sales are coming up! Some of our first year members recently got back from Greenhand Camp and when I spoke to one of them she said she would 100% go again. The Bradford FFA is partaking in many CDE's, practices are starting here soon. If you have any questions about FFA feel free to talk to one of the members or one of the officers (Alexis Barhorst - President, Isabella Hamilton - Vice President, Molly Clark - Secretary, Isabella Brewer - Reporter, Devon Hawes - Treasurer).

A New Advancement for Bradford Schools  
By: Belle Brewer

Before the start of school this year, Bradford hosted its very first Family Engagement night. The purpose of this night was to 'kick off' the school year and to increase academic stamina by involving teachers, parents, and the community in their kids' education through giving materials and ideas to families in activities at this first event and even things to take home. Bradford Schools "wants to give families all the tools they need to support the social, emotional, and academic success for our students" (Nicole Hackett- Bradford Elementary Teacher). Bradford has 6 more planned family engagement nights planned that will start in October. They plan to have an event once a month through March. These sessions will all be Live through ZOOM for families/parents that cannot attend in person. They will also be recorded and posted to the schools website and 'ClassDojo' as a resource for parents to watch if they couldn't attend in person or via ZOOM. All these planned nights will begin at 7 pm. The dates for the upcoming events are organized by grade level as follows:

**K-2:** 10/11, 11/8, 12/6, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14  
**3-5:** 10/18, 11/15, 12/13, 1/24, 2/28, 3/21

The very first engagement night had a lot of fun activities. Families were able to participate in a themed photo booth, a take-home sensory bin, a 'tornado-in-a-bottle' kit, a craft table where they made spaghetti and meatball hats, along with a showing of the movie 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs'. Common Grounds Christian Church had members there to hand out bags of school supplies to the families and everyone was able to get hotdogs, popcorn, chips, ice cream sundaes, and bottled water. Before the movie, leaders talked about what family engagement nights would look like in the future and then they did a drawing for prizes. After the movie, families got to take home 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs' as a book.

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