



# THE BLACK AND BLUE QUARTERLY

Bridgeport Middle School

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## **Back to School** By: Madison McMahon & McKenzie Taylor

BRIDGEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL- Welcome back to a brand new school year! Many students have things to say about the new year ahead. How do you think this school year will go?

"I love being top dog in our school because this year I will be an example for the 7th graders and they will look up to what my class has done," said eighth grader, Evelena Trimmer. "I also have some advice for the students in the 7th grade: work hard, study every night, and always listen to your teachers," she said.

"It feels good to be back because I get to see all my best friends!" said 7th grader, Sydney Lough. "I like having ELA because it is fun having Miss Kinsey," she continued. "I may get through this year with good grades because my friends encourage and help me. This will be an awesome year!"

"I like school but I am not very good at most assignments. I like it though!" said 6th grader, Nathan Hall. "I make it my plan to at least study," Hall continued. "I really like reading with Mrs. Vavrock. She is lots of fun! Most of the time though, I know what to do without her having to tell me. I really like school because I get to see my friends and my cousins," said Hall. "I can't wait for the rest of the year!"

It's another new year for the students at Bridgeport Middle School. There are many new things about this school so it's time to get learning. The first nine weeks is ending but there is still time to try something new and fun in this school.

If you want to sign up for something fun , you could join choir with Ms. Krieger, wrestling with Mr. Nelson, or even basketball. **There is still time left. So sign up now** before it all begins. Have a wonderful year Bulldogs! And welcome back! **GO BULLDOGS!**

## **New Teachers** By: Courtney Coen & Terry Maag

This year the Bridgeport Middle School has five new teachers. Their names are Ms. Krieger, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Scott, and Mrs. Maclay.

It took each of them four or more years to become a teacher. Mrs. Maclay has been at Bridgeport Schools for two years. This is everyone else's first year at Bridgeport.

"My favorite grade to teach is third because the students are not real hyper like first graders and not too mellow like the higher grades," said Ms. Krieger. Not all of them teach their favorite subject or the subject they want to teach. Mrs. Harris teaches math, Mrs. Maclay is an intervention specialist, and so is Miss Scott. "I decided I wanted to become a teacher when I was a little girl, because I like kids," said Miss Scott . "Almost my whole family are teachers and I like music, so I became a music teacher," said Ms. Krieger. Mrs. Harris decided she wanted to become a teacher when she was younger. Mr. Johnson taught at the Stifel Fine Arts Center in Wheeling before coming to Bridgeport.

Many of the teachers like traveling to new places.

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## ***The Girls In Black and Blue***

By: Alison Walton & Alex Bloom

Bridgeport Middle School is very excited to have the cheerleaders this year. Also, the cheerleaders are very excited to be supporting the football team. Katie McConn said, "Cheering is very fun."

The squad is happy about cheering. Kayla Kuri said, "We love it at love football games, how it gets the fans so wound up. Practice is sometimes fun, an hour and a half of cheering and painting signs for the games." None of the squad gets bored with cheering. According to Danielle Bradac, "Cheering is fun!"

For some of these girls, this isn't their first time cheering. Most of them have cheered for four or five years and they really enjoy it. Bridgeport Middle School is glad to have the cheerleaders at the football games.

At varsity games the cheerleaders sell popcorn to raise money for the squad. This money is used for uniforms.

Kirsten Nicola said, "I don't want the season to end because at the games it is so much fun. It seems like the season is so short. Why can't it be longer!"

The Bridgeport Middle School cheerleaders are becoming prepared for basketball season which starts October thirty-first for the Bridgeport Middle School.



The 8th grade volleyball takes a time out.

## ***Bump, Set, Spike***

By: Sydney Lough & Kiara Lodi

The 7th grade volleyball team, coached by Bridgeport Alum Kaitlyn Benda, has nine strong players: Jaida Kusic, Danielle Bradac, Jessa Stockwell, Kiara Loughman, Kayleigh Roberts, Megan Perdok, Cierra Alexander, Maura Tiber, and Tori Parsons. "I am proud of all the team's wins and I feel amazing when we win," said Bradac.

The 8th grade volleyball team, coached by Meredith Totterdale, has seven hard working players: Brooklynn Ruble, Taylor Coast, Brooke Corrick, Angela Sommer, Aleathia Butler, Dakota Wilson, and Briana Conaway. "I am proud of all the team's wins," said Ruble.

The 7th grade team has been playing for only one year and the 8th grade team has been playing for two years. All of these girls have practiced every day, except Fridays and Sundays. "Since I couldn't play volleyball last year, this year I like it; it's fun," said Bradac. "Volleyball last year was good; it was fun and exciting because we won games," Ruble told us.

This season, the 7th grade posted a 4-10 record, while the 8th grade went 2-12. Even though they didn't have winning seasons they worked as a team and gained experience. "We all worked hard and put in a lot of effort. I can tell next season will be better," said Kusic.

The 8th grade team didn't make it to the tournaments; however the 7th grade team did. The 7th grade girls won the first tournament game by defeating Union Local, but lost the second to Buckeye Trail. "It was a rough game, and I feel we had the potential to win. We all worked hard and had a positive attitude. I feel next year will be our year and I'm excited to play with these girls again," said Kusic.



The Bulldogs prepare for their game.

# BULLDOGS

## ***Dogs on 3...*** By: Kira Herman and Maura Tiber

Did you get to see the seventh and eighth grade football team play this season? Their coaches, Coach Nelson and Coach Herink, led them to finish with a record of 7-1. The offense and defense had an outstanding year!

The football team's offense was fiery hot this season. "Our passing game has been very good too," stated Tyler Antonacci. When talking about their running game Devin Danhart replied, "Our running game, in my opinion, is very good. We have fast running backs and most of the time our line makes really good blocks." Get ready!

The Dogs' defense was all hustle this season. They caused and recovered many fumbles. When they weren't causing fumbles they were intercepting passes.

The Bulldogs' football team started off rocky with a loss to Martins ferry. The final score was 46-22. Even though they began the season with an "L" they didn't let that stop them from excelling the rest of the season. After that first game. The Bulldogs came to win! They beat Barnesville by a score of 14-8. This "W" started a winning streak that lasted the rest of the season. The football team chalked up victories over St. Clairsville, Cameron, River, Union Local, and Bellaire. The team's last game was at home against Beallsville. The Dogs dominated the Blue Devils, winning 22-14. Congratulations on a great season Bridgeport!

# The Sound of Music

By: Ty Schambach & Walker Dubil



The Bridgeport Middle School students recently took a survey about their favorite genres of music. The results are as follows.

Alterna- tive	Classi- cal	Country	Gospel	Metal	Pop	R & B	Rap	Rock
10	12	108	8	30	110	12	100	91

As can be seen in the table, pop and country are the favorite genres, while alternative and gospel are the least favorite. Thank you Bridgeport Middle School for participating in this survey.

# New Dogs

By: Jaida Kusic and Jera' Massey



This year in Bridgeport Middle some new dogs were asked how they feel about the dog house.

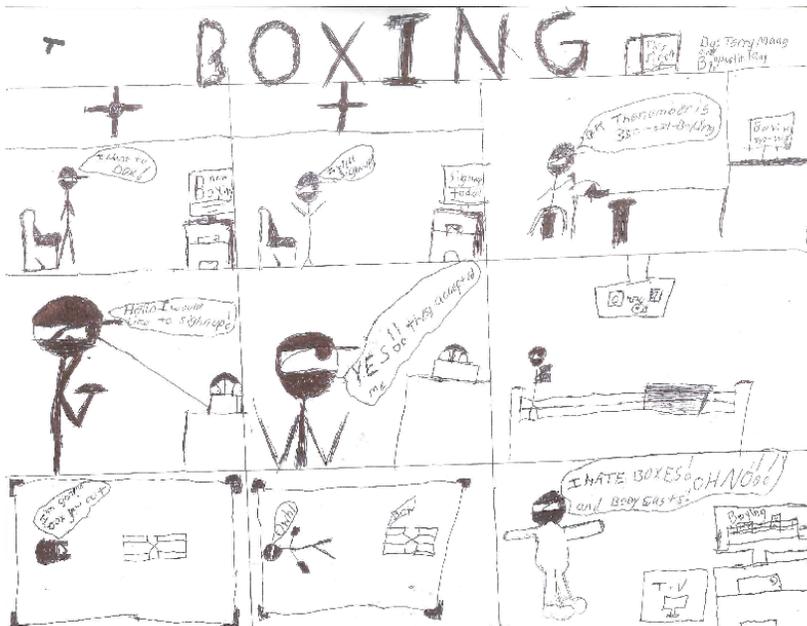
At the bottom of the food chain, fifth grader, Sean White, said, "Lockers help me keep track of my things and the combinations are easy." Marrangos Fulton agreed when she said, "I like them. They are easy to use and easy to keep track of my things." White also mentioned, "Middle School is pretty good. I like the change from elementary." Marrangos added, "I like middle school. It is harder but once you get the hang of it, it is pretty easy."

A bit farther up the food chain, Neil White, a sixth grader, stated, "I feel older in the middle school." Another new sixth grader, Meleah Tiber, said, "Middle School is good." Neil also noted, "I feel more accepted by others here because the people are nicer than the people at my last school." Tiber also said, "Yes I feel accepted by others."

Taking another step up the food chain, Scarlett Covey, a seventh grader, states, "I miss my old first period teacher Ms. Graza."

At the top of the food chain, Duncan Pagano, an eighth grader, said, "I play basketball and I'm really good at it." Duncan also says he prefers ELA as his favorite subject. Duncan quoted, "I like gym because I'm athletic and I find it fun." Pagano also attended St. Johns.

That's a bite of the news for this first nine weeks for the Black and Blue Quarterly.



Comic Strip by Austin King & Terry Maag



Artwork by Farah Hawk

The original piece can be seen outside Miss Dougherty's room.