



Newsday



Spring 2025 Issue



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the BMS Class of 2025!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ Romans 15:13



Clayton Ammon
Custom drone spraying, family farm

Julia Baker
Geisinger School of Nursing

Ava Boring
Altoona Beauty School, Cosmetology

Gracie Civitts
Geisinger School of Nursing

Eva Druckenmiller
Rosedale Bible College, Biblical Studies

Simon Druckenmiller
Marines

Miguel Interiano
Video editing

Jonah Kauffman
PA College of Technology, HVAC

Hunter Peachey
Truck driving or construction

Karina Renno
YWAM - Louisville, KY

Mariah Schuble
Shippensburg University, Early Childhood Education

Deanna Stoltzfus
Liberty University, Music

Samuel Stoltzfus
Rosedale Bible College, Rosedale Trades

Chloe Sunderland
HACC, Mortuary Science, Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science

Jayden Yoder
Agricultural industry

Paul Yoder
CPI, Heavy Equipment Operator

ANNUAL AUCTION

The 2025 Auction featured delicious food and more than 320 items and certificates graciously provided by area businesses, BMS families, and friends. Bolstered by our supporting sponsors, community friends participating in the raffles, and the generosity of attendees, tallied proceeds from this annual event are well over 100,000! In addition, more than \$15,000 was given to the featured project of updating the stage area. We praise the LORD for his continued faithful provisions for the school through friends like you!



The Gift of Music

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things." ~ Psalm 98:1

This spring, students of all ages shared an evening of fellowship with the BMS community through the Spring Concert, fittingly called *Joy!*



The music program is among the many learning opportunities that offer students the chance to discover their God-given gifts at BMS. At all grade levels, students can apply their energy and creativity in meaningful ways through involvement in music lessons, worship teams, and concert choir. Led by Mrs. Hilary Hearn and Tara Spicher, the choirs perform both a winter and spring concert, featuring elementary musicals, instrumental ensembles, and participation from talented faculty and community members. Students work diligently in one-on-one instrumental lessons and choir rehearsals throughout the year as they prepare for these special performances that bring together BMS and the broader community.

For high school students in particular, choir participation can be supplemented by voice lessons and involvement in select choir festivals. As such, senior Deanna Stoltzfus traveled to Huntingdon Area High School in February for the PMEA District Choir Festival, where she received second chair Soprano I and advanced to Regional Choir. She followed in the footsteps of a small number of BMS alumni who have also accomplished this feat. Among these students, alumni Maria Clymer '95, Hannah (Clymer) Showalter '99, Angela (Zook) Esh '99, and Matt Zook '13 represented BMS to a still broader audience at the state level. These festival opportunities involve practicing, auditioning, and performing a diverse portfolio of music, while learning alongside skilled students from across the state. Reflecting on the impact of these experiences, Deanna said, "District and Regional Choir helped to shape me as a musician, a singer, and even as a person. These festivals not only expanded my knowledge of music, they also taught me discipline and perseverance." Music continues to be an important part of many alumni lives thanks to the opportunities and experiences that were offered during their time as students at BMS.



SERVE FOR EDUCATION

It was an honor for our middle and high school students to spend a day serving in various capacities throughout the community on April 17. Fifteen groups of students tackled a wide range of tasks at more than 20 locations with energy and enthusiasm, tangibly engaging with one of our core values. The day of service also brings excellent closure to our 2025 Race and Serve for Education fundraiser with contributions totalling more than \$97,000. Thank you for your support that allows us to continue developing the hearts and minds of students at BMS!



MULTIPLE BLESSINGS

The BMS community is full of deep connections between families, friends, teachers, students, and alumni. Personal relationships are often a large factor in families learning about and choosing BMS, and the nurturing environment is a valued part of the educational experience for everyone. Regardless of how many children a family has enrolled, each individual student is offered the opportunity to be truly known and celebrated for their unique gifts.

We celebrate the beautiful blessing of every student's presence in our school, but it's also very special to have six sets of twins enrolled this year!



Pictured (l-r): Martha & Vivian, 7th grade; Khloe & Karli, Kindergarten; Emma & Ian, 9th grade; Morgan & Meredith, 3rd grade; Oliver & Madelyn, 1st grade; Simon & Eva, 12th grade.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

In response to significant shared interest over the years paired with prior school community survey input and the Lord's perfect timing, we are excited to move forward with a school name change that will occur in the near future. This process has involved an informed team effort in numerous phases that will proceed over the coming months into the summer with final implementation leading up to the 25-26 school year as Belleville Christian School.

BMS was founded as Kishacoquillas Valley Christian Day School by area church ministers and leaders who sought to provide an environment where the children of their homes and congregations were not only educated, but enriched in a Christ-centered environment and taught and guided by Christian teachers. The vision that these ministers and leaders had in 1945 still stands today as our Christian teachers strive to develop the hearts and minds of students in the name of Christ.

For the past 80 years, we have been partnering with families and churches of our students to provide a Christ-centered education and Biblical worldview that inspires students to develop minds, build faith, and be disciples.

We have an incredible, expanding community and look forward to engaging even more families in new ways as we continue to honor what God began with 28 students and one teacher. The board, administration, faculty, and staff is excited to continue growing as Belleville Christian School, a strong academic culture grounded in personal growth, scripture and discipleship.

Visit our website, www.bmsprek12.org, to read more!

WISH LIST & UPDATES

- **Volleyball Nets**
(2 @ \$125 each)
- **Wind Screen for Playground Fencing**
(\$375)
- **Teacher Laptops**
(\$1,000 each)
- **Concrete Slab for Outdoor Classroom Pavilion**
(\$6,000)

Special thanks to Nancy Simmons for her generous donation of an Epiphone Acoustic Guitar and science storage vials!



Special class trips and celebrations abound in the final weeks of school!

A NEW TRADITION



At the end of each year, our seniors are honored by teachers and fellow students during a special chapel presentation and festive senior parade. This year, we began a new tradition that acknowledges not only the students who are finishing their time here, but also those who are just beginning their education and will contribute to the vibrant school culture for years to come.

During a memorable celebration with the entire student body, Kindergarten students were presented with a letter of encouragement, personal notes, and a small gift from the graduating class. It was a meaningful time of passing on the school spirit and celebrating what makes this amazing school community so special!

BELLEVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

29TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 29, 2025



LEWISTOWN COUNTRY CLUB
306 Country Club Rd Lewistown, PA 17044

Registration: \$100 per Player

- 18 Holes with Golf Cart
- Refreshments & Lunch
- Contests, Awards & Prizes

Score Improvement Package:
\$20 per Player

- 2 Mulligans
- 1 Throw

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- Shotgun Start @ 9:00AM
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- Putting & Chipping Contests - \$20/player entry
- Team awards & Individuals prizes for Hole-in-One, Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt, Closest to the Line, Longest Drive

Homecoming 2025

Belleville Christian School



October 3 & 4

Plan now to join us!

We look forward to welcoming alumni, families, and friends to campus for a full weekend of engaging activities!