



# BENJAMIN LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL EST. 1971

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As we enter into the holiday season, I feel compelled to spotlight one of our four pillars of commitment that is stressed each and every day ... "Building Relationships." We believe this is the foundation for student success whether it be in school, in their families, and within their communities. This being said, the old saying of "It takes a village to raise a child" comes to mind. There is much truth and value in these words which have guided me to share five elements for strengthening relationships and how parents, teachers, coaches, etc. can act on them:



**1. Express Care:** Show me that I matter to you

*Be dependable; Really pay attention when we're together; Make me feel known and valued; Show me you enjoy being with me; Encourage me; Praise me for my efforts and achievements.*

**2. Challenge Growth:** Push me to keep getting better

*Expect me to live up to my potential; Push me to go further; Insist I take responsibility for my actions; Help me learn from my mistakes and failures.*

**3. Provide Support:** Help me complete tasks and achieve goals

*Guide me through difficult situations; Empower me to take charge of my life; Defend me when I need it; Set boundaries to keep me on track.*

**4. Share Power:** Treat me with respect and give me a say

*Take me seriously and treat me fairly; Include me in decisions that affect me; Collaborate with me to solve problems and reach goals; Create opportunities for me to take action and lead.*

**5. Expand Possibilities:** Connect me with people and places that broaden my world

*Inspire me to see possibilities for my future; Expose me to new ideas, people, experiences and places; Connect me with more people who can help me develop and thrive.*

A young person with a sense of purpose, self-worth and self-respect, who feels loved and supported, is much more likely to experience success in school and work, care about their community, and excel in other areas of life. So as you're making your lists and checking them twice this holiday season, keep the above list in mind, as it promises to be the gift that keeps on giving.

Mark Butler  
Principal

# SERVICE IN ACTION



### FCCLA Coat Drive

76 young people will stay warmer this winter thanks to the BL FCCLA Child Development Class "Coat the Raider Nation" recent coat drive. Hats and mittens were also donated to the elementary school for our youngest students!



### Interior Design Class

Caitlyn Wheeler, Interior Design student, paints a section of the Family and Consumer Sciences food lab. The room now has a fresh and bright feeling thanks to the careful, hard work of the Interior Design class.



### Youth Leadership Leaf Raking Project in Zanesfield

Benjamin Logan's Youth Leadership students impacted Zanesfield recently as students from across the area came together to help multiple residents in need of leaf raking. It was a very successful and rewarding event.

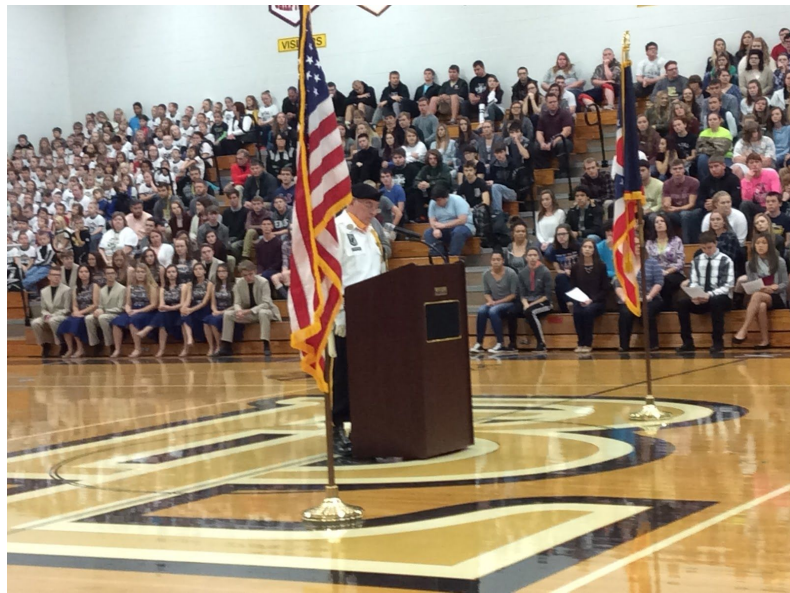
## CENTER STAGE



### **The Curious Savage**

The Curious Savage, a play with heart and humor, highlighted students' talents on stage. The show centered around a family torn apart by greed, and their matriarch, who wants to use their family's trust for good. She learns about the spirit of generosity, as well as the spirit of humanity, through her commitment in an insane asylum, with patients and staff who demonstrate the true meaning of life and love. Taking center stage was Josh Cox and Maggie Shellenberger.

## HONORING OUR VETERANS



Benjamin Logan Local School District celebrated Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, 2016. Students honored local veterans by providing them with a homemade breakfast prepared by members of the Student Government and President's Round Table. Following breakfast, the local veterans and students attended an assembly to continue to honor local heroes with musical performances by the high school show choir, third grade choir, and high school concert band. Middle school students also read poems honoring veterans. Mr. Russ Strayer and members of the Logan County Honor Guard posted the colors and explained proper flag etiquette, and then each veteran in attendance introduced him or herself to the students, along with information about when he or she served in the military. Following introductions, featured speaker Tom Watson delivered a moving speech to the students regarding the importance of veterans and their families, and the ceremony closed with the playing of Taps.



## ELECTION DAY EXPERIENCES



### Benjamin Logan Poll Workers

Andy Griffith, Austin VanBuskirk, Ben Rowe, Will King, and Gabe VanDyke experienced active citizenship up close by working for the Logan County Board of Elections on November 8th. Mr. Adam Brannon from the Board of Elections said “the BLHS students were an awesome addition to the poll worker teams.”

## OHIO MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Thirty-five Benjamin Logan High School students participated in the Ohio Model United Nations three-day global education simulation experience held in Columbus, OH in November. The students learned about the complete operations of the United Nations and its role as the world’s largest international peacekeeping and humanitarian organization. The students become delegates of a selected nation in order to write, present and debate issues affecting the nations and peoples of the world. Through role-playing, the students presented culturally based talent, participated in global education contests and debated current issues from the agenda of the United Nations.



## STATE TESTING

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There are many new requirements for state testing for all students in grades 9-11 this year. They include:

**Classes of 2018 and beyond:** End-of-course tests in English Language Arts I and II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology or Physical Science (class of 2018 only), American History and American Government. Students must attain a total of 18 points on these tests. Each test is a maximum of 5 points. Also, students must earn at least 4 points in Math (Algebra I and Geometry), 4 points in English (ELA I & II), and 6 points between Social Studies and Science (Biology, American History, and American Government.)

The state of Ohio is now also requiring schools to administer ACT to all juniors. We will be giving ACT to all juniors on March 21st. This test can also fulfill graduation requirements, if students earn a minimum of 18 in English and 22 in Math. Juniors must have a reading subscore of 21 or higher, and freshmen and sophomores must have a reading subscore of 22 or higher.

Seniors are still required to pass OGT.

For more information, please see the Ohio Department of Education's testing website:

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing>