

Bloom Trail High School District 206

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

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Fall Highlights

Believe it or not, our school year is already 1/4th of the way complete. Throughout this return to in-person learning our students have shown great dedication and comradery.

Everyone has enjoyed watching our school return to normal. Our Homecoming week saw the return of several of our traditions: Spirit Week, the hallway decorating contest, and a very successful dance.

The Class of 2022 has lost no time in demon-



Members of the Homecoming court posed for pictures at the dance on the 16th

strating their leadership and focus on their goals. This class has the best

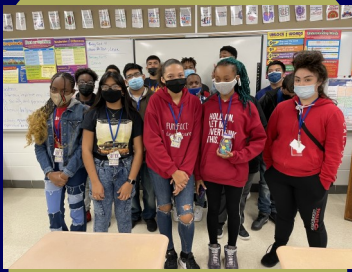
attendance and the highest grades in the school. We've hosted several automatic acceptance days and our students have earned admission to Western IL University, Eastern IL University, and Southern IL University- Carbondale. Last week, a group from Bloom Trail got to attend an overnight visit to SIUC where they learned all about campus life and got to experience it for themselves.

2021-2022 Goals

As a staff, we have been re-viewing our school's past successes: increasing attendance, graduation rates, and freshmen-on-track, and planning how to ensure continued growth for all of our students. Our staff has come up with six areas of

focus on which we will work as a community this year. Everyone serves on one of the six committees: attendance, English, freshmen-on-track, math, PBIS, and seniors-on-track. These teams have reviewed past data, looked at

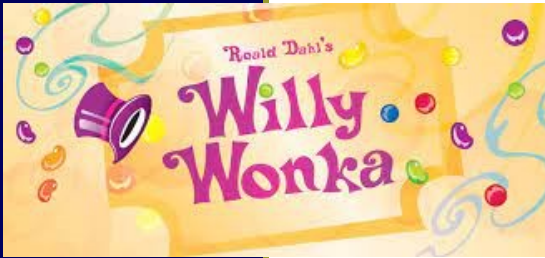
our systems, and determined goals and action plans for the school year. We invite our families and communities to view our progress by publishing our School Leadership Team website. Check it out [HERE](#).



Bloom Trail Seniors enjoying their overnight trip to SIUC



Fall Musical— Willy Wonka



T3 will be staging Willy Wonka the weekend of November 12 & 13

Members of the Trail Theatre Troupe are excited to once again be able to perform in front of a live audience. The Troupe is set to stage Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka" on Friday, November 12th at 7PM and on Saturday, November 13th at

2PM and 7PM. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The doors to the auditorium will be open one hour before the performance. Tickets will only be sold at the door and all seats are general admission. Those attending the performance will be seated as a family, asked to social distance from others, and ALL audience members must remain masked while

in Bloom Trail. Audience members are asked to self-screen themselves before coming to the performance and if they are exhibiting any signs of COVID or other illness to not attend. If you've never had the opportunity to see our amazingly talented students in action, now is the time to catch what you've been missing.

Early Release days this year are CREW days. Staff and students work together to learn about how to work together to keep our climate positive.

PBIS Update— CREW Culture

This year Bloom Trail introduced PBIS to our staff and students. Our framework for our building behavior expectations is CREW: **Community, Responsibility, Engagement, and Worthiness**. Throughout the first quarter, teachers have been explaining and reinforcing our CREW



behaviors and what it means to have a CREW attitude. Students who exhibit CREW behaviors earn CREW cash which they can enter into our weekly and quarterly prize raffles. There are also ways for students to use CREW cash for immediate rewards.

Bullying Prevention Month

Students and Staff Wore Orange on October 14th

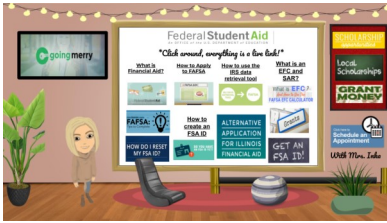


October was Bullying Prevention Month. Bloom Trail students and staff planned several activities to bring awareness to this important topic that affects way too many of our youth. Messages

were broadcast to the school throughout October to make students aware of actions they can take to prevent and curb bullying. Students learned about speaking out if they witness behavior that could be bullying: what to say to each other and how to talk to a trusted adult. Staff and stu-

dents wore orange clothing and orange Crush out bullying pins and bracelets to show that they stand against bullying in all of its forms. As we work on rebuilding our school community after remote learning, making bullying behavior unacceptable is an important step and everyone's responsibility.

FAFSA Information



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA opened up on October 1st. Every year, students miss out on thousands of dollars of available aid to pay for college by neglecting to fill out their FAFSA. Completing the FAFSA is also a graduation requirement in the State of Illinois. Our coun-

FAFSA classroom from our Counseling Department

is available to work with students in our counseling department every Tuesday from 1-3PM. Encourage your senior to make an appointment with their counselor to discuss their future plans.

selling department has many resources in place to help our families with this process. Additionally, a representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC),

Apply for your FSA ID- <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>
Apply for the FAFSA- fafsa.ed.gov

The Bloom Trail Counseling Department has put together several resources to help families complete their FAFSA

Financial Aid Night Full Recording

[Click here for the PowerPoint from Financial Aid Night](#)

Step-by-Step FAFSA Guides:

[Step-by-Step Guide to Filling out the FAFSA](#)

[Step-by-Step Guide to Filling out the FAFSA \(ESPAÑOL\)](#)

To make sure Illinois students receive the aid they deserve, the State has made the FAFSA a graduation requirement.

PE Olympics

Olympic fever swept over Bloom Trail at the start of this year. PE teacher, Mrs. Kaitlyn Lawson organized our first Olympic games for all of our students who take PE. Students participated in events such as bean bag archery, long jump, soccer ball kicks, and partner football catches. Male and female 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each event, as well as overall top male



place on Friday, October 22nd during 9th period. Winners also received an "I Made the Podium" t-shirt as a reward for their efforts. We look forward to making this a tradition in the future.

School Picture Retakes and Ordering Yearbooks

Did your student miss school picture day? Are they not sure those photos turned out the way they wanted? Our photographer will return to Bloom Trail on Wednesday, November 10th. Students need to register for an appointment on retake day. Students can access the registration form through their English class or by following this link here- [Picture Retakes](#).

Yearbook orders are now being accepted. This year is a year like no other; for most of our students it is the first full year they have spent in the building. Preserve these memories by purchasing a yearbook for your student. Information on how to order a yearbook and even get a chance to customize 2 personalized pages is on the flyer that is attached to this

email. Questions about the Yearbook? Reach out to our yearbook advisor, Mrs. Katie Kneeland at kkneeland@sd206.org.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's
Bloom Trail High School
Yearbook





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Mrs. Amy Inka— Post-Secondary Counselor

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Mrs. O'Letha Watson— students A-G

Mr. James Ison— students H-P

Mrs. Elizabeth Lloyd-Chambers— students Q-Z

Honoring Our Veterans— November 11th

Thursday, November 11th is Veterans' Day. This is not just a day off of school or work. It is important that we take this day as a nation to thank all of the men and women who have honored our country through their military service. By working in education, these gentlemen continue to serve our nation and ensure our future. Bloom Trail would like

to thank the following members of our school community who are veterans.

-Luis Gallardo— US Army Reserves (currently serving)

-Lt. Commander Patrick Isom— US Navy

-Mr. Christopher Madison— US Navy

-Mr. Steven Rogus— Illinois Army National Guard

-Mr. David Shambo— US Navy

-Chief Larry Shelton— US Navy



We thank all the veterans who work in our district.