



Advance Bristol

Partnering with Viking Academy to support work-based learning



Left to right: Mike Sparks, Ann Oakley, Kelly Vance, Jerry Kirk, Logan McCabe, Mitch Walters.

Viking Academy would like to thank Advance Bristol Foundation for their donation of \$10,000 to support the Ready Workforce Institute.

Ready Workforce Institute is a program of Tennessee High School's Viking Academy, which is preparing students for success in the workforce. The Ready Workforce Institute has two goals: to educate students about the job opportunities in the community and to make good employees of Viking Academy students as they prepare to enter the workforce.

[Read more about Advance Bristol's donation to Ready Workforce Institute.](#)

Thank You!



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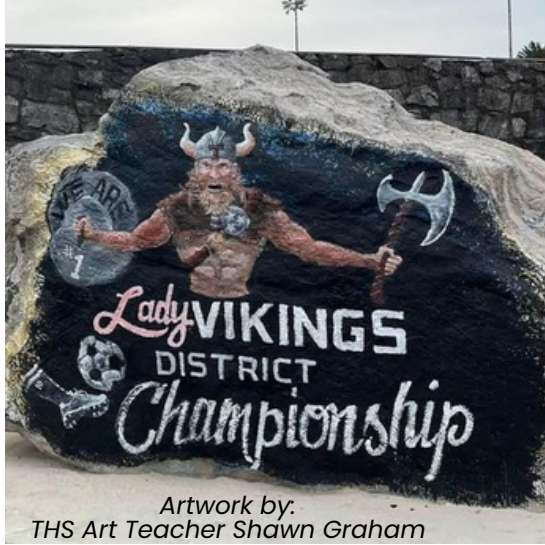
Dates to Remember

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| Oct 16 | Flexible Learning Day |
| Oct 18 | Report Card Distribution |
| Nov 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break School Closed |
| Dec 21 | Early Dismissal Elementary (8:10-12:30) TMS/THS (7:30-11:45) |
| Dec 22-Jan 3 | Holiday Break School Closed |
| Jan 4 | Teacher Work Day School Closed |
| Jan 5 | Flexible Learning Day |

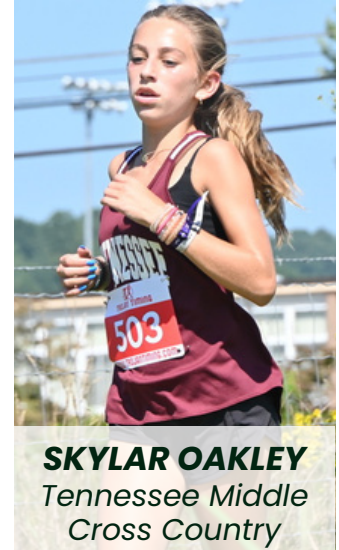
Outstanding Fall Athletic Achievements

Congratulations to our THS & TMS fall athletic teams and athletes

Girls' Soccer



State Qualifiers



TENNESSEE HIGH



District 1 AA Champions
Conference Champions

TENNESSEE MIDDLE



Conference Champions

THS Girls' Volleyball



Freshman Conference & Tournament Champions

JV Conference Champions



Upcoming Viking Hall TOURNAMENT ACTION



BORDER DUALS
Wrestling



HOLIDAY HOOPS
Girls' Basketball



ARBY'S CLASSIC
Boys' Basketball



BRAWL IN THE HALL
Wrestling

NOW HIRING!

**Educational Assistants
Substitute Teachers
Custodial Staff
Maintenance Staff**



Convenient scheduling



Competitive salaries



Opportunity to help students

To apply, go to <http://careers.btcs.org>

attendance MATTERS

at every stage of your child's educational journey!

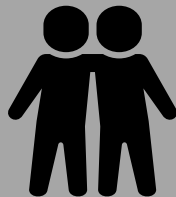
High School



Gain essential life skills and stay on track to graduate

Middle School

Develop meaningful relationships and communication skills and reduce likelihood of dropping out of high school



Elementary School



Improve reading, math, and other foundational skills

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!



SAFE SCHOOL HELPLINE

BREAK THE SILENCE | PREVENT THE EVENT

If you see something, say something! The Safe School Helpline is a convenient, confidential way for anyone to anonymously report information about situations that might affect safety at our schools. The Safe School Helpline is free and available 24/7. Examples of threatening situations include but are not limited to the following: bullying, drugs, theft, thoughts of suicide, violence, or weapons.



Four Ways to Report to the Safe School Helpline

- 1 Call:** 1-800-418-6423 or 1-800-4-1-VOICE (Ext. 359)
 - 2 Text:** TIPS to 614-426-0240
 - 3 Online:** SafeSchoolHelpline.com
 - 4 Mobile App:** FREE on App Store or Google Play
- In addition, trained counselors are available 24 hours per day to talk with persons seeking assistance in coping with suicide thoughts, depression, or feelings of loneliness and loss. Callers can press option '3' when prompted.



Report Cards for the first nine weeks will be available through the PowerSchool Parent Portal on Wednesday, October 18.

*Congratulations
Students & Teachers*



**TVAAS LEVEL 5
COMPOSITE SCORE**
2022-2023

DISTRICT LEVEL 5

- ✔ Literacy
- ✔ Science
- ✔ Numeracy
- ✔ Social Studies

**Schools With
TVAAS Level 5 Composite Score**

| | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Anderson Elementary | Tennessee High |
| Avoca Elementary | TOPS |
| Tennessee Middle | |

ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

District vs State Proficiency
(for all grades)

| CONTENT AREA | DISTRICT | STATE |
|----------------|----------|-------|
| ELA | 45 | 38.1 |
| Math | 45.2 | 33.8 |
| Science | 50.7 | 43.1 |
| Social Studies | 62 | 43.1 |

Content & Grade-Level Celebrations

- 3rd grade ELA proficiency increased from 40.9% to 51.1%
- 3rd and 4th graders showed the highest gains in math with a 12% increase, followed by 7th graders with an 11.4% increase
- 3rd graders showed the largest increase in science proficiency with a 20.9% gain.
- The largest increases in social studies proficiency were for 7th graders with a 5.2% gain and in U.S. history with a 4.5% gain.



**71st
Annual
Music in
the Castle**

More than 30 bands competed on Saturday, October 7, in The Stone Castle at the 71st Annual Music in the Castle, hosted by the Tennessee High School Mighty Viking Band.

Exhibitions were given by Tennessee Middle School Band, Tennessee High School Mighty Viking Band, and ETSU Marching Bucs.

GRAND CHAMPIONS

Class A/AA Grand Champion
LAKEWAY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

CLASS AAA/AAAA/AAAAA GRAND CHAMPION
SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL

**CONGRATULATIONS
MIGHTY VIKING BAND**

**2023 Enka Land of the Sky
Marching Band Competition
Class AAAA**

**1st Place Band
1st Place Color Guard - 1st Place Drum Major**

**SCHOOL
SCHEDULE
CHANGES**

Find out what you need to know
before winter weather hits!

www.btcs.org/schedulechanges 🔍

Dale Burns Youth Sports Basketball and Cheerleading

Online registration is open for youth sports basketball and cheerleading for BTCS students in grades K-5. An In-person Registration and Parent Meeting will be held **Monday, October 23**, at 6 p.m. at Viking Hall. Registration will run through October 30.

Teams will be announced and practices will begin in November. Teams will practice during the week and play on Saturdays. A one-time registration fee of \$25 will cover participants in any youth sports activity for the 23-24 school year. Fee waivers are available.

Please visit www.btcs.org/youthsports for more information and to register or pay online. For additional information, email Youth Sports Coordinator Josh Helvey at helveyj@btcs.org.

Mental health matters

Concerning Mental Health Behaviors for Parents to Look For

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides great resources for parents who have concerns their child may be struggling with their mental health.

Find out more.

FLU SHOTS



Tennessee Middle School
Wednesday, October 18
3:30-5:30 p.m.

The Sullivan County Regional Health Department will offer flu vaccines for students, families, and staff. No appointment is required. Those under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian present at the time of vaccination. For more information about this and other opportunities for flu vaccines in Sullivan County, download the

[Sullivan County Flu Day flyer.](#)

Educating for Equity (E4E)

After Fall Break, the BTCS Educating for Equity (E4E) team will kick off a district-wide "Be a Good Human" initiative to celebrate a few of the many "good humans" of BTCS. Students and staff members will be celebrated weekly with the "Be a Good Human" Award. The effort is an extension of the effort Tennessee High School launched at the beginning of the school year.

E4E is a group of 20 BTCS employees and one student liaison whose mission is to create a safe and inclusive environment that allows every student and staff member to fully realize their individual potential.

For more information, visit www.btcs.org/e4e.

BE A GOOD HUMAN

Communities in Schools

Empowering students to succeed in school and life

We are excited to introduce a valuable addition to our educational community; Communities in Schools (CIS) of the Appalachian Highlands staff members have joined or will be joining each school in our district. BTCS is partnering with CIS to provide a student support coordinator in each of the five elementary schools, Tennessee Middle School, and Tennessee High School. Our CIS initiative is aimed at enhancing the overall well-being of our students, fostering a stronger connection between our schools and families, and providing essential support to ensure every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

CIS is a nationwide organization committed to empowering students to succeed in school and in life. By embedding CIS staff members within our schools, we are reinforcing our commitment to holistic student development. The primary goals of our CIS program are as follows:

- **Support Family Engagement Activities**
- **Support Attendance**
- **Connect Students and Families to Resources**
- **Support a Caseload of 60 Students Per School**

We believe that the presence of CIS staff in our schools will significantly contribute to positive school cultures, thus creating a nurturing and supportive learning environment. By fostering strong relationships with students, families, and our school community, we aim to remove barriers to success and ensure that every student can reach their full potential. Please join us in welcoming our Communities in Schools staff members as they become an integral part of our school communities. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our students and their families.

Go to the [Communities in Schools](#) page on our district website for a list of student support coordinators. For more information about CIS, be sure to visit [Communities in Schools of the Appalachian Highlands](#) website.

United Way of Bristol

United Today ... Stronger Tomorrow

Next week, we will launch our annual United Way employee campaign. The generosity of BTCS employees is what consistently ranks our school district's campaign as one of the top among organizations in Bristol, TN/VA.

United Way currently funds [24 Partner Agencies](#) and administers [15 Programs](#) out of the local office. As you review these agencies and programs, you will see that BTCS students and families (and maybe even you) receive vital support from the countless services funded through United Way of Bristol contributions. In addition, designations from BTCS employees to Reading Buddies through the United Way campaign have almost fully funded our BTCS Reading Buddies program for the last three years.

We invite all of Viking Nation to join our BTCS staff in supporting United Way in this year's campaign!

**To learn more,
go to
unitedwaybristol.org.**

