

BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Barbers Hill

Summer 2018



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Groundbreaking of  
BH Early Childhood Center

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VISION STATEMENT

Barbers Hill ISD envisions academic excellence characterized by goal-driven, college/career ready graduates who are responsible, accountable, contributing members of society.

**Barbers Hill ISD School Board**

- Becky Tice | *President*
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Principal Lisa Watkins, Superintendent Greg Poole, and students break ground on Early Childhood Center

**Dr. Greg Poole, Superintendent**

I was recently wounded by a marshmallow. The bemused 10-year-old that caused my whelp explained with pride how he'd formed a marshmallow-launching contraption with the remnants of a water bottle and a balloon. It caused me to think of marshmallows in a different way. Many of you and those in our nation and state are thinking of schools in a different way.

Hopefully Barbers Hill ISD conjures up images of excellence, and our students' and staff's work this year have only enhanced that reputation, as this newsletter will attest.

However, continual and recently close-to-home instances of school violence also cause many of you and this superintendent to think of schools as a target. We recently presented a "State of the District" to our 800 school employees, and I committed to them a pledge of "Excellence by any measure" including the measure of safety of BH students and staff. I am comforted that we added a police force 10 years ago that is the best in the state, manned by professional men and women who treat the security of each of our children as a sacred trust. We have likewise dedicated \$10 million to safety-related initiatives in the last decade and recently added to our staff one of the state's first Safe School Coordinators.

These measures do not guarantee safety. What I can guarantee is we will lead the way in protecting our children and all of the adults who make it a life's calling to educate our children. My 10-year-old will not be soon whelping me again with a marshmallow. God willing, he will also never have to deal with school-place violence.

**Welcome, School Board Members**

The BHISD School Board welcomed two new members in May. Barbers Hill graduate Chase Mitchell was appointed by the existing board to fill the vacancy left by retiring board member Benny May. Local businessman and long-time resident Eric Davis was elected in May to fill position 6. Both men were sworn in during May meetings. Board members Becky Tice and Fred Skinner ran unopposed and were also sworn in for three-year terms in May. This was the first change in the BHISD Board of Trustees in nine years.



Eric Davis



Chase Mitchell

**WE CAN, WE WILL!**

**Building Excellence**



ECC Breaks Ground



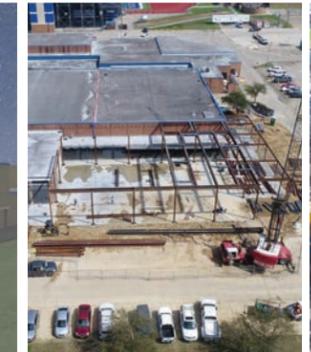
High School Cafeteria Addition



High School Classroom Addition



Rendition of MSS Theatre



MSS Gym



MSS Classrooms

Construction has been ongoing throughout the district in fulfillment of projects approved by voters in Bonds 2013 and 2017. Barbers Hill High School will open new classroom and computer lab space to accommodate 500 students this fall (Bond 2013). Both Middle School North and Middle School South will add classroom space for 250 students each this fall, in addition to a competition gym at MSN and a theater at MSS (Bond 2017).

Also approved in Bond 2017 was a new Early Childhood Center for grades Pre-K through First. Ground was broken this spring, and the new facility for our youngest Eagles is scheduled to open in fall, 2019. Plans are underway to renovate the existing Kindergarten Center and Primary School complex to an Administration building that includes a new, larger Board room, and space for all departments, which are currently housed in five satellite locations throughout the district.

**Harvey Recovery**

Flooding from Hurricane Harvey profoundly affected the lives of many in our area, including more than 600 students who were required to relocate or to live in temporary housing situations. Many BH staff and students found ways to help those in need, from our police chief protecting animals in the Ag Barn, to coaches driving rescue buses, to students helping with the seemingly endless clean-up, to staff and students volunteering in local shelters, to our social worker coordinating thousands of donations for distribution. We are Eagle Proud of the many ways our school community served our neighbors!



# Eagle Fledglings K-5<sup>th</sup>



## HEB Grand Opening

In May, many students and staff celebrated the long-awaited Grand Opening of the new HEB Mont Belvieu. BHHS Drum Line and choirs from Elementary North and South were invited to participate in the festivities, performing for packed audiences on opening day.



## Rodeo Art

ESN fifth-graders Ainslea Andrews and Olivia Walker were named Best of Show and Gold Medal winners respectively during the 2018 Rodeo Art contest through the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.



## Tuition Based Pre-K Registration 2018-2019 School Year

The BH Tuition-based Pre-K program had scheduled to open its doors for 2018-19 registration at 6:30am on April 10. But by 10pm the night before, more than 60 parents had lined up with cots and blankets to spend the night as they waited to ensure a spot in the acclaimed pre-k program. Dr. Poole met the early birds onsite, took names, and assured them they could go home to sleep, and their children would be enrolled. By 7:30am the next morning, 75 students were enrolled for the upcoming year, necessitating that a fourth class be added to the program. A few spots remain in this new class. If interested, please contact Lucy Garcia at LGarcia@bhisd.net. Student must live inside BHISD boundaries and be four years old by September 1, 2018.



Visiting Author  
Maynard Moose (Willy Clafin)

## Odyssey of the Mind

Both ESS and ESN students participated in the regional Odyssey of the Mind program, with ESS members earning 1st place and advancing to World competition in Iowa in June. For the competition, students must select a problem scenario, develop solutions, then create a skit that demonstrates their solution. Students are responsible for all problem-solving and costume and prop creation, with minimal guidance from sponsors.



## Academic UIL

ESS and ESN participated in Academic UIL competition this spring, with ESN placing 1st after garnering twelve 1st-place awards, and ESS placing 2nd, with nine 1st place awards. Combined, there were 56 students who earned 1st-3rd place awards.



Elementary Schools' Wax Museums allow students to learn about historical figures from their peers.



BHISD Top Accelerated Reader Ethan O'Brien earned 1,748.7 points this year. Ethan is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at MSS.



## Relay For Life

Barbers Hill students and staff raised more than \$46,800 this spring for the Bay Area Relay for Life, earning the Most Money Raised by a Team award. Fundraisers included Jump, Hula, Twist-a-Thons, bake sales, silent auctions, jeans days, spirit nights and more. ESN brought in the largest portion of donations, with \$17,550 raised.



# Middle School 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

## Middle School Academic UIL

MSN and MSS students in Academic UIL earned the TOP THREE titles at district competition for grades 6, 7, and 8. At the Dayton meet, MSS won sixth grade, MSN won seventh grade, and MSN won 8th grade. Combined, there were 52 students who earned 1st place at the event.



MSS State Recognized

MSN State Recognized

## Duke TIP State Honorees

Of the nearly 100 seventh-grade students from both middle schools who were invited to participate in the national Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) this year, 22 received state recognition. To earn this honor, middle school students had to score comparably to a high school senior on the ACT or SAT test.



## MSN Nano Racks

Seven students from MSN were given the opportunity to participate in a space-based experiment at the NanoRacks facility in Webster this year. Students performed a sugar crystal experiment simultaneously with Astronaut Scott Tingle, whom they were observing on the International Space Station. Students then compared results of the crystal growth in gravity vs. low-gravity environments.



Above: MSS Below: MSN

## History Bee Nationals

Students from MSS and MSN earned top awards at the Regional History Bee, securing a spot at the National History Bee competition in Atlanta, Georgia this summer. National participants include Carson Cheshire, Gunnar Morton, Bryce Sheffield, Colter Thomas, Trey Jones, Khushi Patel, Colton Ochoa, and Sophia Lannie.

## MSS Geography Bee

Sophia Lannie, 7th grader at MSN, and Shane Ellis, 8th grader at MSS, each won 1st place and advanced to take the state qualifying test.

At MSN, 2nd place was awarded to Guilherme De Toni Uchoa (6th grade) and 3rd place winner was Reese Jennings (7th grade). At MSS, 2nd place winner was Grant Doggett (7th grade) and 3rd place winner was Gunnar Morton (8th grade).



## Middle School Fine Arts

Choirs, Bands, and Theater students at both middle schools earned awards in UIL competition this year, with 10 Sweepstakes awards and a 1st place in One Act Play between them.



One Act Play District Champs  
MSN & MSS

MSS Christmas Concert

MSS Choirs

## Art Chair Affairs

Art students at MSS and MSN raised over \$2000 for local charities this spring through their "Art Chair Affair" auctions. Students personalized hand-painted wooden stools for auction to the public.



## Select Academic Team

The Select Academic Team includes students who have earned an exceptionally high GPA and demonstrated a commitment to work above and beyond expectations. Students participate in educational enrichment opportunities throughout the year. This spring, one of the activities included a visit to Rice University.



## MSN Rubik's Cube Geniuses

MSN students competed for the first time in school history in a Rubik's Cube Challenge hosted at Harmony Academy in Houston. The MSN Team brought home 1st place, solving 25 cubes in 4 minutes, 4 seconds. In solo competition, Colby Stone earned 1st Place with an 11-second time to solve a cube, and Aidan Ehrlich earned 2nd, solving in 14 seconds.

# High School 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>



## Class of 2018

Class of 2018 Valedictorian Sarah Mask will attend Texas A&M University, majoring in Chemical Engineering, and Mason Smith, class Salutatorian, will attend Texas State University, majoring in English Education.

## Ag Teams to State

Barbers Hill FFA qualified twenty-seven students for state competition in the categories of Milk Quality, Vet Tech, Ag Mechanics, Poultry, and Livestock. Junior FFA students qualified for State in Skills competition.



## Debate goes to State in UIL and TFA

Barbers Hill Debate students compete year-round in the Texas Forensic Association and the UIL circuits. Six students combined participated in Cross-Examination state competitions in both organizations, and four earned Octofinalist status (Top 16 in the state). These students include Pamela Johnson, Hailegh Wingo, Lauren Willingham, and Reagan Mason.



## High School UIL District Champions for the 22nd year

Barbers Hill High School students competed in Academic UIL this year, winning the 22nd consecutive District Sweepstakes Award. Of the many medals earned, there were nine individual 1st place awards, and seven 1st place Team Awards, including Accounting, Journalism, Speech, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Spelling. Two students qualified for UIL State competition: Sarah Mask in Headline Writing, and Pamela Johnson in Persuasive Speaking. Lauren Willingham was state alternate in Headline Writing.

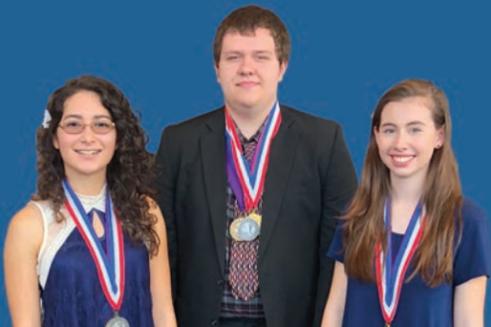


Mask, Johnson, Willingham



## Academic Decathlon State Medalists

Barbers Hill Academic Decathlon team advanced to state competition, where three students medaled, including Adriana Torres with a Silver medal in Language and Literature, Teague Mize with a Silver medal in Math, and Sarah Moorman with a Bronze medal in Interview. The U.S. Academic Decathlon is a 10-event nationwide scholastic competition.



## US News Top 10% Nationally

For the second consecutive year, Barbers Hill High School received a Silver commendation in the U.S. News and World Reports Best High Schools national study. The ranking placed BHHS in the top 10% among the 29,000 high schools surveyed across the nation. For more info, visit [usnews.com/education/best-high-schools](http://usnews.com/education/best-high-schools).

## National Merit Finalist

BHHS senior Austin Alexander scored among the top 7,000 students nationwide on the Preliminary SAT test, an honor achieved by only 1% of college-bound students in the United States. Austin was named a National Merit Finalist this spring in recognition of his achievement. He will attend Lamar University in the fall where he plans to major in Chemical Engineering.



## Choir State

Senior Cailyn Lawson-Wade was selected to join the TMEA All-State Choir, an honor attained by only the top 2% of high school choir students in the state. She performed as a soprano in the All-State Mixed Choir, the organization's top choir. Cailyn is the second female in school history and first African American from BHISD to compete at the state level.



## VASE Art State Competition

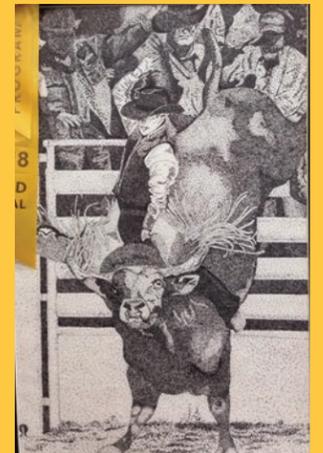
Four Barbers Hill High school students took their artwork to State competition in the Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). All four earned a Gold Medal in the competition, placing them in the top 3% of 30,000 entries statewide. In addition, Lauren Gray earned the first-ever Gold Seal Award, given to the top 1% of participants.



Mrs. Duncan, Ashlyn Briscoe, Lauren Gray, Carrington Shaw, Madison Myers, Mrs. Dugat



Lauren Gray- Rodeo Art



Carrington Shaw- Rodeo Art

## Texas All-State Band

BHHS senior Dylan Sailors was selected for the second consecutive year to the Texas All-State Band. This is the highest level of achievement in Texas high school bands. Dylan plays alto saxophone.



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High School

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Middle School

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### Softball Team State Semifinalists

Congratulations to the Lady Eagle Softball team led by Coach Aaron Fuller. With a season record of 39-7, the Lady Eagles advanced to the state tournament in Austin, where they succumbed in the semi-final round to eventual state champs Forney High School. We are Eagle proud!



### Charli Collier, Nationally-Recognized Athlete

Senior Lady Eagle Basketball player Charli Collier received numerous recognitions and awards during her career at Barbers Hill High School. Charli was a member of the FIBA U17 World Championship team that won the bronze medal for the USA, was named the USA Today Texas Player of the Year, McDonald's All-American, Gatorade Texas Player of the Year, Greater Houston Player of the Year finalist, and was featured in the Sports Illustrated Kids magazine in April. In addition, Charli was named Jordan Brand Classic All American, Naismith Player of the Year Finalist, Naismith 1st Team All American, Morgan Wooten Player of the Year Finalist, and a 4-Time TABC and TGCA Class 5A All-State Team member. Charli will attend the University of Texas in Austin on a full basketball scholarship.



### Lauren Gray Swims to State for 3rd Year

Senior Lauren Gray participated at the UIL State Swim Meet in the 100-yard Butterfly this school year. This is Lauren's third consecutive year to qualify for the State Swim Meet. She also recently signed with the University of the Incarnate Word to participate in their Advanced Academic program and Swim Team.



Garrett Gibson



Dalton Holland

### Garrett Gibson and Dalton Holland Hurdle at State Meet

Senior Garrett Gibson and junior Dalton Holland competed in the 110m and 300m hurdles at State, with Garrett placing 2nd and 3rd in the events, respectively. Holland placed 5th in the 110m hurdles. Garrett's 13.59 seconds in the 110 hurdles lowered his own BH school record and was the third fastest time of all high schools in the nation.

## Save the Dates for 2018-2019

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN **July 11-24, 2018**

**School Starts: August 16, 2018**

<b>July 30 Monday</b>	Returning Students <b>Kinder New Students</b>	at ALL CAMPUSES at Kinder Center	1:00-7:00 pm 1:00-7:00 pm
<b>July 31 Tuesday</b>	Returning Students <b>Kinder New Students</b> <b>Drug Testing (MS and HS Students)</b>	at ALL CAMPUSES at Kinder Center at Middle School North Gym	8:30-11:00 am, 1-5:00 pm 8:30-11:00 am, 1-5:00 pm 8:30-11:00 am, 1-5:00 pm
<b>August 2 Thursday</b>	<b>ALL New Students</b>	at High School	8:30-11:00 am, 1-6:00 pm
<b>August 3 Friday</b>	<b>ALL New Students</b> <b>Drug Testing (MS and HS Students)</b>	at High School at High School Gym	8:30-11:30 am 8:30-11:30 am

See BHISD.net for more details about what to bring to registration



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Supply List



For District Calendar:  
[www.bhisd.net/calendar](http://www.bhisd.net/calendar)



A GREAT BOOK IS AS COOL AS THE POOL  
Check our website for summer reading incentive details



### Eagle Launch Dates 2018

August 8, 2018	August 9, 2018	August 13, 2018	August 14, 2018
Kindergarten Center	Middle Schools North/South	Primary School	Kindergarten Center Pre-K 5:30 pm
A-L Students 5:30 pm	6th Grade & New Students 6:00 pm	A-L Students 5:00 pm	Elementary School North 6:00 pm
M-Z Students 6:30 pm	7th- 8th Grade 7:15 pm	M-Z Students 6:00 pm	Elementary School South 6:30 pm

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BHISD Top Ten Seniors of 2018 and (rank): Front Row: Jorja Johnson (10), Lauren Willingham (4), Lauren Gray (5), Mattelynn Lansford (also 5), Mason Dooley (9) Back Row: Sarah Mask (1), Zennia Wong (7), Victoria Freeze (8), Mason Smith (2), Joseph Muscat (3)

