

BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BarbersHill

Fall 2018



cover:
MSN Eagles learn new
Technology with teacher
Kendra Kruse



New classrooms in the MSS addition (and at MSN and HS) will be ready for students on August 16.

Barbers Hill ISD Administration

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Superintendent

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Dr. Greg Poole, Superintendent

I'm not fond of the phrase "subject to change." Companies use this disclaimer to allow themselves the ability to change a commitment. Usually it involves a cost, and it seems the price is always adjusted to cost more. Yet I have to confess that in our ever-growing district, we should add an asterisk that says "subject to change."

Our district is approaching its 100-year anniversary (2029), and I would wager there has not been a more dynamic time in our district's history than the present. We have building additions in process at each middle school and high school, and a new state-of-the-art Early Childhood Center is being built on Lakes of Champions Drive. We even now have an HEB and Taco Bell, and a Chicken Express is soon arriving! Change is a constant. We expect to add 200 more students this school year, and our district has doubled in enrollment since the year 2000. This unprecedented growth emphasizes the need to prioritize our core ingredients. Our Board of Trustees and administration are committed to upholding the tradition of excellence that has characterized our district since its inception in 1929, and we will continue to emphasize the values of hard work, deferred gratification, pride, and a tradition of excellence.

Barbers Hill ISD continued to excel and raise the bar of expectations in 2017-18. We won the District UIL Academic Championship for the 22nd year in a row and kept the same tax rate for the 13th year. We finished in the top 20 statewide in the Lone Star Cup and became the first district education foundation in Texas history to exceed \$30 million. Our students continue to stand out both in their academic/athletic endeavors and their appearance and behavior. Our expectations are high for the 2018-19 school year and yes, with the unprecedented growth in BHISD, things are "subject to change." However, we are fortunate that the aspiration to be the best has never changed in our 90-year history, nor have our students' and staff's abilities to be state leaders.

Yes, change is a constant, and so is the tradition of excellence that has always characterized Barbers Hill!

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

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BHISD Earns Lone Star Cup Ranking



Barbers Hill High School earned the 20th rank among Class 5A high schools in Texas in the UIL's annual Lone Star Cup rankings. Scores are based on athletic and academic team performances in district and state UIL championships, including State and Area Marching Band, Tennis, Team Tennis, Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Soccer, Golf, Track & Field, Academics, One Act Play, Softball, and Baseball.



Dennis 'Jabo' Leonard Distinguished Alumnus



Dennis "Jabo" Leonard was born appropriately on a Friday night, while a home football game unfolded at Barbers Hill's Eagle Stadium. So like the true BH Eagle his dad was, he announced Jabo's birth over the stadium intercom. And the crowd applauded.

It was the first time Jabo's name was heard in Eagle Stadium, and the forerunner of many more instances.

"BHISD is family, and no other district has that."

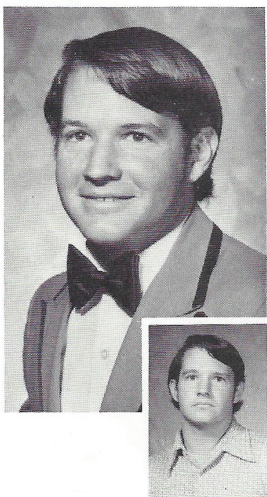
~Jabo Leonard

Eighteen years later, Jabo graduated in the Barbers Hill Class of 1972 as president of his senior class, a member of the National Honor Society, starting Quarterback and Placekicker titles for 3 years, a national record-holder for 8 touchdown passes in one football game, All-District and All-State titles in football, and district and state titles in basketball, tennis, and golf.

His four-year career at Lamar University was equally as storied, with titles of NCAA National Leader for Field Goal percentage in 1974, All-Southland Conference team, Most Field Goals in a Year and in a Career, and "Best Team Player."

Today, Jabo is best known and loved as a retired science teacher from Middle School North, and a Cross Country Track coach who brought district and state titles to Barbers Hill during his tenure.

"Athletics is an opportunity for the town to come together," said Leonard. "We're not Methodist or Catholic or Baptist when we're cheering for our kids. We're all Eagles, and we're all singing from the same page."



He has also served as a Councilman for the City of Mont Belvieu, and on multiple planning committees for the city.

To read more about Jabo's service to our district and community, please visit bhisd.net/community/distinguished-alumni.

Benny May Honorary Eagle



In the mid-1990s, Barbers Hill High School was outgrowing its 1967 campus. The district's school board wanted to keep new schools along Eagle Drive, but the adjacent landowners had told BH officials no.

Benny May, a new Board member, had worked for the ranching family before, though, and felt he may be able to help. He and then-finance director John Koonce visited the Benes family, sitting at their kitchen table and listening to the couple's desire to keep agriculture as an important part of the district's future. Benny assured them that focus would not be forgotten, and a deal was struck.

The current BHHS and its surrounding 100 acres now sit on the Benes property, with state of the art Agriculture facilities, arena, and barn, in addition to baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, an indoor practice facility, and the Goss Library.

The land purchase was just one of the ways Benny May helped shape Barbers Hill ISD during his 22 years of service on the board of trustees, and 10 years on the statewide TASB Board.

Although he grew up in Baytown, it took only one day of substitute teaching in Barbers Hill to make a lifelong impression.

"There's only one Barbers Hill."

~Benny May

"This district was like none I had ever seen," said May. "I knew then that I wanted to become part of this community."

In 22 years of board service, the McNeese graduate and ExxonMobil supervisor has also helped coordinate the Gulf Coast Classic basketball tournament, helped establish the "BH 100 Club" for Youth Project Show, offered his own barn for Ag students to house animals, and mentored for 8 years.

For more about Benny May's life and service to the students and community of Barbers Hill, visit bhisd.net/community/distinguished-alumni.



Principals of the Year



Elementary Principal of the Year
Stephanie Martin
Elementary School North



Secondary Principal of the Year
Dennis Wagner
Middle School North

Congratulations to 2018 Principals of the Year Stephanie Martin (ESN) and Dennis Wagner (MSS). Stephanie, a Barbers Hill grad, has been with the district 24 years, and has served as principal for two years. Dennis has been with the district 15 years and was principal of Middle School South for 5 years.

Teachers of the Year

Elementary Teacher of the Year
Janice Romaine
Elementary School South



Secondary Teacher of the Year
Kristi Smith
Barbers Hill High School



Selected by their peers for their dedication to students and to excellence in the profession, the 2018 Teachers of the Year are Janice Romaine and Kristi Smith. Janice has taught 4th grade at Barbers Hill for 17 years, and Kristi has taught Spanish at Barbers Hill High School 19 years.

A Note from Personnel



Barbara Ponder
Assistant Superintendent
of Personnel

"Excellence by Any Measure"! I love our theme for the year....and after 26 years at Barbers Hill, I can truly say we practice what we preach. Whether we are competing in academics, athletics, fine arts, UIL, or any other extra-curricular event, Barbers Hill strives to be excellent! Each success we celebrate is the result of the time, commitment and dedication our staff members give to our students to be their very best and to perform at the highest level. Well done, Eagles!

The accomplishments of the past year are a testament to the terrific group of educators we have at each campus. I want to thank the School Board for their continued support in providing excellent salaries and benefits in recruiting the best and brightest talent!! Our new employees arrive in an exciting period of growth, building and expansion in our District. We will begin the year with over 800 total employees... WOW! The Personnel Department has had a busy summer working with campus principals and directors to hire new staff members. There will be 54 new professionals and 22 new paraprofessionals joining the BH Family this school year. We welcome each of them to The Hill and know they will quickly make a positive contribution to our continued success.

The culture of excellence does not happen by chance; rather it is directly attributed to the commitment from every staff member to value our traditions, and work with pride on each and every task. Couple that with the support of our parents and community.....and we have a winning combination! We congratulate and welcome our new employees and look forward to the success that awaits faculty and students in the coming school year. Welcome Back Eagles.....We Can, We Will.....be EXCELLENT!

Barbers Hill

Tradition of excellence



Saying Goodbye to Eagle Educators

BH educators and support staff said a final goodbye in May as they retired from decades of service with our district. Retirees included (top left to right) Ira Ewell, Angie Horn, Jackie Williams, Juanita Yzquierdo, Genny Donnelly, (bottom row, left to right) Luanne Martin, Deann Fudge, Pat Fisher, Jeannine Cross, and Rabbit White.

New Faces/New Places



Kirven Tillis
CTE Coordinator
Administration



Lori May
Safe Schools Coordinator
Administration



Vicky Moya
Coord. for Language Arts Curriculum
Administration



Natasha Holden
Coord. for Curriculum and Adv. Academics
Administration



Elizabeth Filer
Coord. for Assessment and Accountability
Administration



Dr. Melissa Barrington
Principal
Elementary School South



Brett Miksch
Principal
Middle School South



Alicia Brooks
Assistant Principal
High School



Tara Pohorily
Assistant Principal
Elementary School North



Chloe Yowell
Academic Dean
Middle School South



Haley McWilliams
Counselor
Elementary School North



Christina Peterson
Counselor
Middle School North

Open House Dates



Date	Time	Campus
Sept 17	6 PM	Middle North
	6 PM	Middle South
	6:30 PM	High School
Sept 18	5:30-6:15 A-L	Kinder Center
	5:30-6:15 M-Z	Kinder Center
Oct 4	6-7 PM	Primary School
Oct 16	6-7PM	Elementary South
	6-7PM	Elementary North

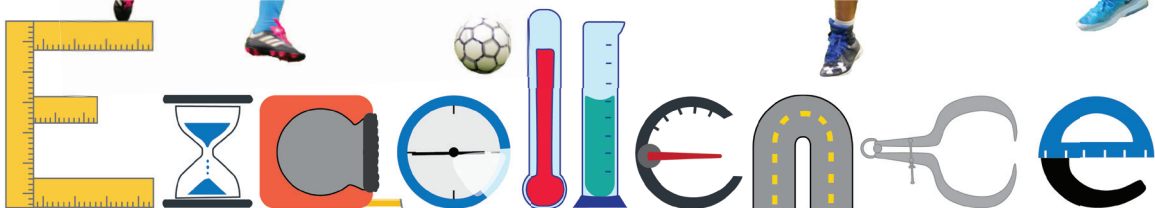


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school supply lists.



Summer Camps Burst at the Seams!

The Barbers Hill Athletics Department was thriving this year with summer camps in almost every sport, along with a strength and conditioning camp. Over 1,000 students attended these summer camps where their skills were tested and hearts inspired to pursue the sport of their dreams. The Hill hosted 10 summer sports camps where students could learn and train with Barbers Hill's very own coaching staff. In addition to the sports camps, the Performance Course team led the district wide strength and conditioning camp which spanned 3 months.



by any measure

Barbers Hill Education Foundation

Children deserve a Foundation of Excellence.



Established in 2010, the Barbers Hill Education Foundation (BHEF) is a nonprofit organization designed to help BH educators implement creative learning projects for students grades Pre-K to 12.

BHEF has distributed over a half million dollars to educators in our district since its inception. Grants have permitted teachers to purchase items such as biomedical engineering kits, flexible seating options for students, sciences literary projects, robotics equipment, standing desks, math skills software, reading incentive programs, ukuleles, wireless tablets, virtual reality goggles, dissection kits, nuclear chemistry activities, defibrillator training systems, water demineralization kits, and software for 3-D printing of human organs. Grants make the learning possibilities endless!



Sandra Westerberg
Coordinator of Barbers Hill
Education Foundation

"The students really love learning to play ukulele. Many have been inspired to purchase their own ukuleles for home use as a result of learning to play them here, and we've also been able to start a ukulele club!"

- Rachel Rozsypal, Music Teacher, ESS



\$32 Million as of 2018

**458 Grants
Distributed**

\$527k Distributed

**#1
Largest in
Texas**



New Building Additions Opening at Three Campuses

In response to student growth, BHISD will be opening new additions at three different campuses this year: the High School, Middle School North and Middle School South.

The High School will add a two-story classroom wing accommodating an additional 500 students, expansions to the cafeteria and both kitchens. Boys and girls athletic locker rooms have been expanded and a new Ag locker room and Construction Trades building have been added. A new and enlarged HVAC and electrical central plant is now in place to provide indoor air quality for almost 500,000 square feet of interior space.



The Middle School North and South will both open with new two-story classroom additions to accommodate an additional 250 students each. The Middle School North will also have a new practice gymnasium and refurbished boys and girls locker rooms. The Middle School South will have a new 800 seat Auditorium and a renovated kitchen and cafeteria space in preparation for student growth. New electrical service and mechanical equipment have also been added to the Middle School South as part of this project.

BHISD looks forward to welcoming our new students to our new and improved facilities as we continue to strive to provide a quality learning environment for the excellent instruction occurring at our campuses.



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School Starts August 16th

Community-wide Pep Rally

August 20 at 7 pm, Eagle Stadium

