

BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BarbersHill

Summer 2019





cover:

Middle Schools North and South combined to perform Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr." this spring in the new MSS Theatre

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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

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McDonald's is coming to Eagle Drive, sporting a "Fresh New Look."



## Dr. Greg Poole, Superintendent

ECC, HEB, McD, and DOJ... three letter combinations associated with what has become a constant at Barbers Hill... change. Many of our long-time residents comment on the increased length of time it takes to travel in our area, and that at times we actually have gridlock! Yet, change has brought us an HEB, high speed internet (if you live in Mont Belvieu) and a soon-to-come, unique "new look" McDonald's, so according to my chicken-nugget-loving 11-year-old, growth can't be all bad.

Barbers Hill ISD is likewise grappling with unprecedented growth. We placed a beautiful new auditorium at Middle School South this year, and expanded our high school cafeteria to serve over 1000 students at a time. A state-of-the-art, one-of-a-kind Early Childhood Center that prioritizes safety will greet all Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students to start the new school year this coming fall. We grew 7% in 2018-19, and we predict our largest student body ever next year at nearly 6000 students. To put it into perspective, Barbers Hill ISD added more new students this year than we had total in high school in 1980!

The challenge our board has accepted, and our constant goal, is to maintain our level of excellence in spite of the rapid change. I'm proud to report that BH is synonymous with A+. Be it our accountability rating, academic or athletic successes, Barbers Hill continues to be a state-leading district with phenomenal results. Our High School won its 23rd District Championship in a row and most of our athletic teams advanced in the State playoffs. Our High School was recently named as one of the top 10% High Schools nationwide, and all of our campuses received the highest possible academic accountability scores. Equally important, our students continue to be applauded for the positive influence they exert and the manner in which they represent our community and schools.

Maintaining our high standards becomes increasingly hard in a world where it is easier to NOT stand apart. We had a very public challenge to our dress code policy at the Kindergarten Center last year that eventually made it into New York newspapers, and even produced a Department of Justice inquiry. We were notified by the DOJ they will be giving us the result of their investigation this summer. We are hopeful the DOJ will affirm our dress code, but I can assure you, our Board of Trustees and this Superintendent will not modify or water down our expectations.

HEB & McD are indicative of our rapidly-changing community, but FTR, our ECC will be ready to go for bright-eyed, bushy-tailed little Eagles! Change at BH is a constant, and I am proud to say excellence continues to be as well.

# WE CAN, WE WILL!

# Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Barbers Hill High School Valedictorian Kathryn Hok will attend the University of Texas and plans to enter the medical field. She graduated with a GPA of 5.167 and was a National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar with Distinction, Student Body Vice President, and participated in Student Council, National Honor Society, and the Select Academic Team.

Barbers Hill High School Salutatorian Justin Karl will attend Texas A&M University and plans to study Biomedical Sciences. He graduated with a 4.933 and would like to continue to medical school as an orthopedic surgeon. Justin was also a member of National Honor Society and the Select Academic Team.



Kathryn Hok



Justin Karl

## Full Days Ahead

Barbers Hill ISD received a generous grant in 2018 from Randa Duncan (pictured right), daughter of Enterprise Products founder Dan Duncan. The grant supports a full-day Regular Pre-K program, which is currently only funded by the state for a half-day for qualifying students. The \$5 million grant will allow Barbers Hill Regular Pre-K students to attend a full day of instruction. Research shows that children who attend high-quality Pre-K programs are less likely to be held back a grade, less likely to need special education, and more likely to graduate from high school. BHISD is grateful to the Duncan family for investing in our students!

*The new Barbers Hill Early Childhood Center will open for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students on Monday, August 19. Other campuses will open on Thursday, August 15. See [bhisd.net](http://bhisd.net) for more details.*



## Goodbye to Coach Taylor



Coach Taylor said goodbye to a crowd of nearly 1800 students and staff in March.



Taylor was honored at his farewell celebration by all 3 of the Barbers Hill principals he served under during his 18 years on the Hill, including Tom Holland, Susie Haynie, and Rick Kana.

Barbers Hill High School bid farewell to beloved Coach Bruce Taylor on March 1, as Taylor retired and prepared for his next step. Taylor and his wife Geri joined their son and his family in Oxford, MS, where Taylor will coach football part-time. The 67-year-old Orange native came to Barbers Hill in 2001 and quickly became a strong supporter of BH athletes and students. His encouraging smile and inspiring words will be greatly missed. BIA, baby! (Best in America!)



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



## HEB Book Donations

Barbers Hill Elementary School South participated in the HEB Read 3 Contest this fall, gathering 7559 gently-used books to donate. With an average of 8 books donated per student, the school was named the Regional Winner by HEB, earning students a pizza party provided by HEB, a \$1000 prize, and a special visit from HEB Buddy.

## Bringing Christmas Cheer to Town

The Elementary School North fourth and fifth grade choirs shared Christmas cheer by caroling for the Mont Belvieu Police and Wells Fargo branch locally, and for two nursing homes in Baytown. The choir is under the direction of Blair Eubank.



## Odyssey of the Mind

Barbers Hill Elementary School South students won First Place in regional competition, Second Place at state competition, and advanced to World Competition on May 22-25 in Michigan. Students planned, practiced, created costumes and the set, and presented an 8-minute skit comparing the 1980s to the year 2019 in a problem-solving category titled "Opposites Distract." ESS students are directed by Julicia Beharry and Kelsie Worthan.



## Jump, Hula, Twist-a-thon

Jump, Hula, Twist-a-thon at Barbers Hill Elementary School North raised over \$22,500 in support of Relay for Life this spring.







# Rodeo Art



Elementary School North  
5th-grader Rae Andrews (left)  
and Elementary School South  
4th-grader Tex Thornton won Gold Medals and  
Glassell Summer Scholarships for their artwork  
during the 2019 Rodeo Art Contest. Barbers Hill  
Art teachers district-wide also received the Super  
Show Award for the 9th consecutive year.



## Accelerated Readers

Barbers Hill students in grades 1-5 read and then tested over library books throughout the year as part of the Accelerated Reader program. Top readers at each elementary-level campus include: ESS - Grace Johnson, ESN - Jonathan Donnelly, and Primary School - Grace Nyers.



*A Year of Fun is  
All Done!*



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



## Middle School Theatre

Middle Schools North and South combined to produce the One Act Play *The Dark Road* this spring. With new BH Middle School Theater Director Diane Balogh, the troupe won their third consecutive District Championship in the program's third year.



*Below: Performances this year also included "Charlotte's Web"*



*Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr." was the first-ever MS musical, and the first performance in the new theater, approved and built through Bond 2017.*



HS Theatre Director, Travis Poe, and MS Theatre Director, Diane Balogh

## National History and Geography Bee

Middle Schools North and South participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee, with MSS 8th grader Ethan Mott advancing to state competition. The schools also participated in the National History Bee, with MSN National Qualifiers including Curtis Larsen, Trevor Glynn, and Spencer Mendez. MSS National Qualifiers were Ethan Mott, Ryan Northrup, Colton Ledbetter, Wyatt Olson, Hayden Sheffield, Regan Tapie, and Sara Dixon.

*Ethan Mott*







## Accelerated Readers

Barbers Hill Middle School students who earned the top spots for Accelerated Reader points were (from left) Ryler Collins - 1140 points (MSS and District Winner), and Nathaniel Jeter - 420 points (MSN).

## MSN Girls Track is All Gold

Barbers Hill Middle School North Girls Track Team were District Champs, after winning every meet this season. The girls set records in the 400m, 800m, 1600m, and 2400m Runs; the 400m and 800m Relays, and the High Jump.

8th Grade Team



7th Grade Team



## Select Academic Teams

Middle School North and South students are invited to participate in the Select Academic Team when they score 95% or higher on the PSAT (given as 8th graders), receive state recognition in the Duke TIP program (as 7th graders), or through identification as Gifted and Talented through testing. The students participate in educational enrichment activities throughout the year, including Space Day at Rice University, the Stomp Rocket Contest, Explore UT, and Chevron's Operation LeapFrog, where students participate in a simulated journey to Mars and the moon.



## Duke TIP

Every year, the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) invites high-achieving 7th graders to take the SAT or ACT test (normally for college-bound juniors and seniors in high school). Those who earn scores equivalent or higher than the national average of recent high school students receive state recognition through the Duke TIP Program. There were 12 students from MSS and MSN who received state recognition this year.



MSN represented by: Reese Baker, Harrison Rankin, and Ana Roach



MSS represented by (top left to right) Blaine Isom, Kendall Martin, Kennedy Cox, Mia Ugalde, Kyle Fontenot, Lily Cheshire, Peyton Dagley, Ryler Collins, and Stella Hunt



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

## District UIL Champs for 23rd year

Barbers Hill UIL students earned the 23rd consecutive District Sweepstakes Trophy during competition this spring. There were 6 First Place Team awards, including Spelling/Vocabulary, Number Sense, Current Events, Math, Speaking, and Journalism. There were 12 First Place individual awards, with 3 students advancing to State competition, including (at left) Amanda Pena (LD Debate), Matthew Phebus (Copy Editing) and Adriana Torres (Ready Writing).



## Automotive Technology State Champ

Senior Cameron Cramer was named State Champion in the SkillsUSA Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair Competition this spring. In addition, junior Cody Miller was a state participant after winning District 1st Place in Marine Service Technology, and junior Austin Grothe was a state participant after obtaining 2nd Place in District in Automotive Service Technology. The students participated in the Stuart Career High School Advanced Automotive Academy after school in Goose Creek CISD.

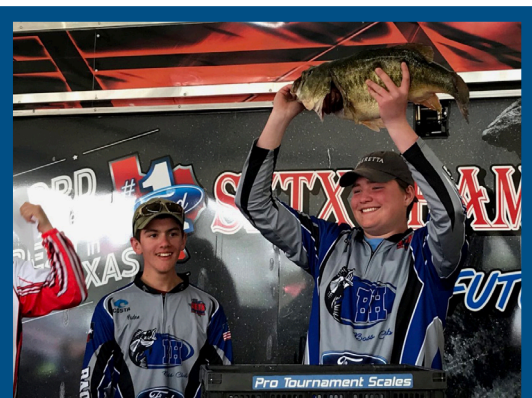
## Sporting Clay State Champs

Barbers Hill High School FFA Sporting Clays teams attended competition this summer, bringing home 2 State Champion titles, and 4 additional places. State Champion teams included the Sporting Clays Team of Brandon Miller (2018 Grad), Chailey Wilchek (12th grade), Andi Gilmore (2018 Grad), and Grant Johnston (2018 Grad). Female overall State Champion of Sporting Clays was Chailey Wilchek (pictured right).



## Bass Fishing Team Hooked a Great Season

The Barbers Hill Bass Fishing Team took First Place out of 500 teams at the Southeast Texas Bass Tournament in March. The team of Paden Dugat and Riley Bailey weighed in 5 fish for a total of over 21 lbs, with Riley snagging the largest bass of the tournament at over 11 lbs. Three additional teams placed in the top 10%. The BH Bass Team is led by MSN Principal Lance Murphy.



## All-State Choir

Senior Choir member Tori Stone and junior Leigha Trejo were selected to the prestigious Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All State Choir this year. Only 2% of over 60,000 students are selected for these ensembles, which is the highest honor a Texas high school musician can attain. High School Choir is under the direction of Nikki Thompson and Chris Truitt.







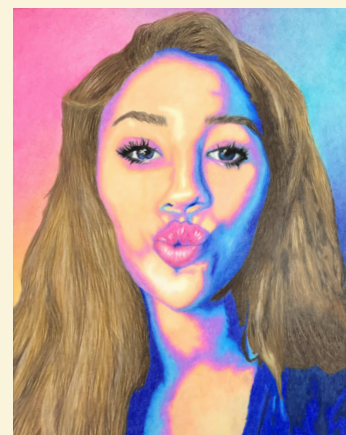
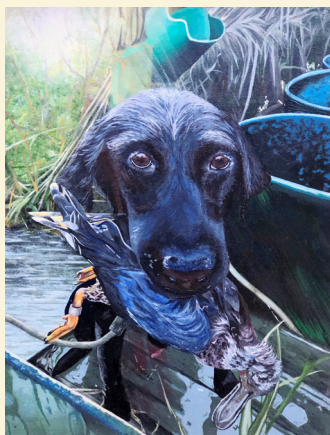
## Academic Decathlon State Results

The Barbers Hill Academic Decathlon team of 10 students advanced to the State competition in February, competing in 10 academic events. Junior Charis Strickland placed 2nd at State in Interview, and senior Isaac Recio placed 3rd at State in Language/Literature. Academic Decathlon is under the direction of teacher Cheyenne Cox.



## VASE Art at State

Barbers Hill High School students Katie Prejean, Emily McCauley, and Taylor Tomlinson advanced to state competition in the Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). All 3 students earned Gold Medals, awarded to only 1% of the over 30,000 entries statewide. Art students are taught by teachers Cynthia Dugat and Sheryl Duncan.



## HOSA State Results

BHHS HOSA (Health Occupations Student Association) students, under the direction of Health Services teacher Robin Guimbellot, advanced to State competition this spring. Six students earned awards at State and will advance to the International conference, including Katelyn Recio, Chailey Wilchek, Mackenzie Briscoe, Kennedy Brown, Jesse Thomsen and Jai Gershmel (also pictured: Principal Rick Kana and Teacher Robin Guimbellot).



## Barbers Hill Named in Best Communities for Music Education

Barbers Hill ISD has been named one of the 623 school districts in the nation (and one of 68 in Texas) that are considered Best Communities for Music Education. Among Barbers Hill ISD middle school and high school students, 49% are involved in one of our band or choir secondary programs.

The national award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.







# Athletics

## Dalton Holland Earns 2nd Place at State

Senior Dalton Holland earned 2nd Place at the State Tournament in Austin in the 110m hurdles, with a time of 14.19. Holland earned the place even after recovering from an injury earlier in the year. Dalton was led by Boys Track Coach Ray White.



Girls Track



Girls Golf



Boys Baseball



Girls Softball

## Barbers Hill District Champions 2018-19

Boys and Girls Tennis



Volleyball

Boys and Girls Basketball



Boys and Girls Cross Country





**Mandatory Online Registration**  
**Thursday, July 11 through Tuesday, July 23**

**Returning BHISD Students**

July 29	All Campuses	1 - 7 PM	
July 30	All Campuses	8:30 - 11 AM	1 - 5 PM

**New Students to BHISD**

July 29	Kindergarten Center	1 - 7 PM	
July 30	Kindergarten Center	8:30 - 11 AM	1 - 5 PM
August 1	Everyone At High School	8:30 - 11:30 AM	1 - 6 PM
August 2	Everyone At High School	8:30 - 11:30 AM	

**Drug Testing for Middle and High School Students**

July 30	MS North Gym	8:30 - 11 AM	1 - 5 PM
August 2	MS North Gym	8:30 - 11:30 AM	

See [BHISD.net](https://www.bhisd.net) for more details and what to bring to Registration.



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Summer  
Reading  
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Check <https://www.bhisd.net/district/district-calendar>

**New School Supply Purchase Option**

**Available through July 5!**

For the first time, Barbers Hill ISD is partnering with a local vendor to provide pre-packaged school supplies to parents for purchase. Parents may still choose to buy their own supplies from any store, but the pre-packaged supplies will be the same name brands as specified on campus supply lists, at a reduced cost since they will be purchased in bulk. For more information, visit <https://fund.school/bhisd>.





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## LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

BHISD Top Ten Seniors of 2019 and (rank) left to right:  
(10) Sarah Kirby, (9) Max Armer, (8) Macy Armer, (7) Mackenzie Briscoe, (6) Kaitlyn Robinson,  
(5) Jade Meador, (4) Adriana Torres-Rodriguez, (3) Kylie Herndon, (2) Justin Karl, (1) Kathryn Hok

