

# *Tornado Winds*



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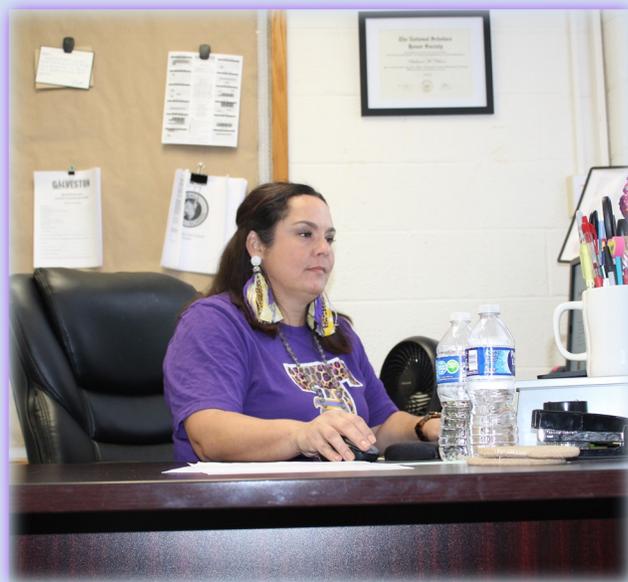
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It's never too late to try something new — get involved. Participating in clubs and sports can improve communication skills, foster creative thinking, and teach you how to work effectively with other people.

Stephanie Wilcox



Ms. Stephanie Wilcox , Media AP



*Cheerleaders perform during a home game at Courville Stadium.*

# *Artist of the Month*

## Isabella Alvarado

By Rilee Whinery



“Isabella Alvarado is an extraordinary artist. She is a senior this year at Ball, and has amassed artistic awards and accomplishments few attain,” said her art teacher Colleen Moore.





Isabella Alvarado

“She is the granddaughter of famed Galveston watercolorist, Carlotta Barker. She has designed three Turtles in Galveston, including the Ball High Turtle. She distinguished herself last year by passing both the AP 2-D Design Portfolio AND the AP 3-D Design Portfolio,” Moore said.



Isabella Alvarado paints a quill and a scroll on the Ball High turtle to represent the yearbook and the school newspaper, The Ball Street Journal.



“Bella enjoys sewing and crochet, reading and hiking. She plans a career in Bio-Med, but will still continue creating exceptional works of art,” said Ms. Moore.

# *The Titans of District 9-5A*



## Tors Blow Away the Competition

By Talia Perez

Head coach Sheldon Bennight came to make a difference in the Ball High football team, and he has! Ball High's football head coach is making big changes in his District 9-5A football team, and it's clear to see on the playing field what the coach has accomplished in his short time at Ball High.

The Tors have bolted out of the starting gate and rushed off to a 5-0 record for the 2022 season. "Our team is playing really well. We have a great group of young men who have really bought in to our program. Any success we have is directly related to the dedication and hard work our players put in six days a week," Bennight said.

Ever since football season began this semester, all levels of the Tor football teams have been enjoying huge blowouts against their rivals.

"Not everyone is cut out to play this sport because the daily grind for so many weeks is so difficult. These players have all made huge strides over the last three years and that is starting to become evident on the field," Bennight added.

In the first Clash of the Causeway, Ball High left La Marque in the dust with a shocking final score of 49-7. Following the high scoring affair against La Marque, Ball High slugged it out against Texas City in the Clash of the Causeway II in a defensive battle that the Tors won 7-0. During the last few minutes, Ball High surprised the crowd and the Cougars with a late touchdown that won the game.

"Our offensive success comes from our players' desire to be good. Our offensive staff does a great job of game planning and putting our players in a position to be successful," Bennight said.



Ramon Carillo attempts an extra point against Texas



Justin Thomas hands the ball to an official after scoring a touchdown for the Tors.



The Tor walking wounded, Matthew Glenn, Roy Doggett and Mouhamed N;Diaye pose on the sideline.

# *Defense —The Immovable Object*



Malcom Simpson lines up on defense against Madison High School.



Chance Bailey brings down a La Marque running back in Clash of The Causeway I.

The following week found the undefeated Tors opening district play against the Madison Marlins and the team showcased their potent offense and fearsome defense by scoring 39 points while shutting out the Marlins, and moving to 3-0, 1-0 on the season. The Marlins left the Tors' field with a disappointing 0 points on the scoreboard.

“Our defense is playing really well (they’ve only given up one touchdown in six games). Our JV practices against our varsity everyday and gives our varsity a tremendous look. Our varsity success is just as much of a success for our JV and it is paying off for them as well,” the coach added.

The Ball High juggernaut demolished Sterling 55-0. The results of each football game provide visual proof that the 2022 Tors' defense is phenomenal. The Raiders vs Tors game pushed Ball's winning streak to four games, earning them a 4-0, 2-0 record.

The Tors continued their onslaught against the hapless Sharpstown Apollos. During the first quarter, there was a surprising power outage, which led to everyone relocating to continue the game. Aside from inconvenience, the Tors didn't disappoint, scoring 30 points in the first quarter. The Tors dominated the Apollos 58-0 to run their record to 5-0, 3-0, limiting opponents to seven points in five games.

The Tors then stampered the Austin Mustangs 76-0 to bring their record to 6-0 on the season, running away with the District 9-5A title with a 4-0 district mark. The Tors' record-breaking season continues this week when they play the Milby Buffaloes at the Tors' homecoming game at Courville Stadium.



Gerald Clouser brings down a Marlin runner during the Madison massacre.



Sophomore Traivon Dotson wraps up a Madison runner.



Donye Shallowhorn zeroes in on the La Marque quarterback.

# Homecoming Celebration



## Homecoming Parade

By Ernesto Hernandez

Ball High School celebrated Homecoming during halftime on October 12, 2022, at Courville Stadium and crowned Aiven Coleman king and Kaliya Fontenot queen. The Tors homecoming revelry began with a parade down the sea wall and back to Ball High, Along the route thousands of alumni and Galvestonians lined the streets to watch the pageantry while children with painted faces tossed beads from the backs of trucks as the band, ROTC, cheerleaders, and football team paraded through town.



# Homecoming Game vs. Milby

By Talia Perez



The Tors celebrated homecoming by stomping Milby 63-0 to move their season record to 7-0 overall, 5-0 in District 9-5A-1. Before the game was three minutes old, the Tors jumped out to a 21-0 lead, leaving no doubt in the happy Tor fans' minds about the outcome of this game.

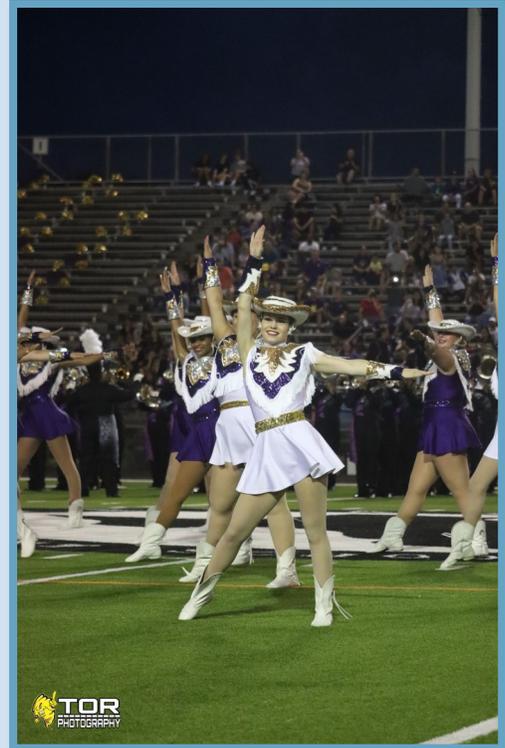
Homecoming King Aiven Coleman celebrated his reign by scampering 55 yards for a touchdown to push the score to Ball High 56, Milby 0. The Tor juggernaut travels to Waltrip on October 22nd to continue District play.



# Tornettes Entertain the Crowd



Mr. Muse the poses with the student body at Courville Stadium.



Tornettes practice their moves!



# BHS Celebrates Friday Night Lights



Head cheer coach Aja Cormier embraces junior Abby Gonzalez while Bailey Gonzales walks with her parents.

# “Paddle Out” for Ball High Students Sam Mixon and Mason Nelson



Sam Mixon

## In Loving Memory

By Ernesto Hernandez

The Ball High School family grieves over the loss of freshmen Mason Nelson and Sam Mixon, who died in a tragic accident in front of the high school on August 26 and Hannah Jackson, who remains in a Houston hospital recovering from her injuries. The families created a memorial on the corner of 41<sup>st</sup> and Ave. O. where parents, students, and teachers can leave a gift or flowers to remember Mason and Sam. A GoFundMe page has been established for Hannah Jackson who remains hospitalized.



Mason Nelson



The surfing community gathers to honor the memories of Sam & Mason.

# Cross Country Goes the Extra Mile

## Tors Host Galveston Island Beach Run



The Tors leap out at the start of the 2022 Galveston Island Beach Run.



Ball High boys compete in the October Classic at Rainbow Park in Texas City.



The Ball High Lady Tors race in the Rainbow Park October Classic.

## Cross Country Team Faces Challenges

by Janeth Huerta and Nazaret Aguilar

Ball High Cross-Country Coach Aaron Deyon described the challenge facing his young team. “The goal this year is to qualify for the regionals making it the top 10 and also I believe the freshman team can win district.” Deyon said that his fastest varsity runners are Logan Thrower, Diego Clark, Kai Jankowiak, Zoe McClure and Elena Foulks.

The Cross-Country Team ran in the October Classic in Texas City October 8, 2022 and freshman Diego Clark won 1<sup>st</sup> place in his race and junior Zoey McClure finished in the top 20 in the girls’ varsity race. The season continued with the cross country team next traveling to Alvin to participate in the District 18-5A championships where Zoey McClure finished 16th in the girls varsity race and the boys finished 7th in district.

# Lady Tors Volleyball Enjoys Winning Season

by Nazerat Aguilar

The Ball High volleyball team stormed out to a 13-9 record to begin the 2022 season. Head Coach Michelle Norfolk talked about her young team, “Something we can work on is having more confidence in our ability.”

The Lady Tors began District 22-5A play Friday, September 10 at Ball’s district rival Friendswood. Friendswood shut out The Lady Tors 3-0 to begin the season. Their overall record is now 15-10 and they are ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the district. Tuesday evening (10-12-2022) the Lady Tors were eliminated from the district playoffs by Nederland. The Lady Tors will complete district play at home against Manvel, La Porte and Angleton.



Sunny Higgins slams a return against the Santa Fe Indians.



# Let's Spark Some Smiles with ARK!

By Merin Higgins

“Acts of Random Kindness”, often shortened to ARK, is a club headlined by English IV teacher Alison Martinez and students of Ball High School. They hope to promote kindness and spread joy throughout the building and into the Galveston community!

ARK has a plethora of things to offer not only students, but *anyone* interested in sparking some smiles! Their most recognizable feats include the bird-bath seashells, where students can write whatever they'd like to on beautifully painted shells and hand them off to friends, and the “Color Your Stress Away” Wall. The Club’s “Wall” offers coloring sheets and pages to whomever would like to “color their stress away” and is located in the Economics/Government hallway on the second floor.

Recently students were given opportunities to write letters to their late peers, families, or anyone struggling in the wake of September’s tragedy, on the opposite wall. ARK provided a way for students to find comfort and closure in those times and they’ll continue to offer so much more.

“We also sponsor Kindness Week once a year during all lunches,” Martinez said. “We offer different type of crafts or kindness activities. Our main purpose is to promote kindness and joy for students and staff at Ball through seashells, affirmation boards, coloring stations.”

So, you’re still here . . . *well then*, what are you waiting for! Consider joining ARK today!



## Kaleb Melvyn Plans For His Future

by Cooper Berry



Kaleb Melvyn knows what he wants and where he wants to go after high school.

“For me, music has always been an important part of my life. My first memories of music started with Michael Jackson and rap. From there I branched out and found my own favorite artists, but it was studying music theory in band class with the help from my band directors that really hooked me.; They taught me to appreciate music more, and ever since then I’ve studied music as much as possible.”

# Teen Health Clinic

By Rilee Whinery

“Chill Zone is a dedicated space for students and teachers to come when they are feeling overwhelmed, stressed, sad or angry. When a student comes into the Chill Zone, they have options. They can use fidgets, color coloring sheets, listen to sound waves, or talk to help them calm down,” said Debbie Hopkins, SEL specialist at Ball High.

“The Chill Zone is limited to 10 minutes and students must have permission from their teacher or administrator to come. Having a place to take a short break from your day to help push through has been very helpful for a great number of students. Five to ten students utilize the chill zone each day and have attested to the benefits of doing so. Every Causeway Galveston Campus in GISD has a chill zone for students and staff to use,” Hopkins added.



Beth Auslanders



Michelle Stroud



Heather Cash



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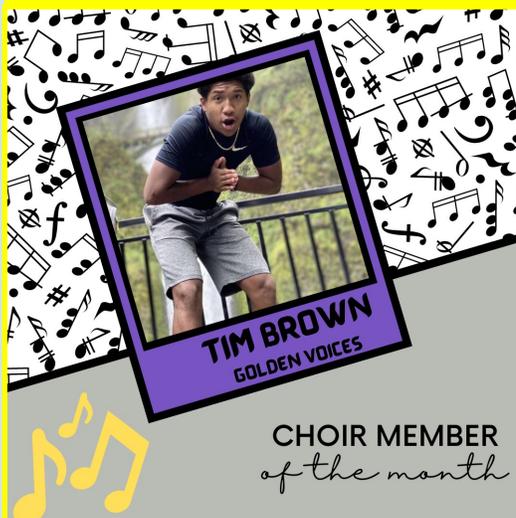
Marissa Nelson



Cassie Sarmiento

## Sophomore Garners Choir Honor

by Nazaret Aguilar and Janeth Huerta



Sophomore Tim Brown was recently honored by choir director Larry Menifee. “Tim is a bass and this is his 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the Choir at Ball High and his first year as a member of Golden Voices,” said choir director Larry Menifee.

“Tim is a sophomore and a starter on the Ball High varsity football team. Tim is also on the BHS baseball team and also excels in the classroom!

“He is dedicated to everything and everyone that he cares about. He has amazing work ethic and always holds himself accountable,” Menifee said. Congratulations Tim Brown!

# Homecoming Celebration

King Aiven Coleman and Queen Kaliya Fontenot



The Tor Cheerleaders kick up their heels to the sounds of the Tor Marching Band!

# Pot Pourri of Ball High Students!



The student council provided welcome relief to the runners participating in the Galveston Island Beach Run.



The band performs during Homecoming



School spirit is alive and well at Ball High School!



# Tor Golfers Hit the Links

by Lori Machado

The Ball High boys golf team finished in 9th place out of 20 schools in the Pasadena Memorial Boys Fall Scramble at Pasadena Municipal Golf Course. The Tors shot a score of 78. This brings the boys record for the season to 11-8.

1st— Pearland Dawson 67

2nd — Lamar 65

3rd — Ridge Point 67

4th — Ball High 78



The Ball High boys golf team competed in the Aldine Boys 9-Hole Beginner at FM Law Golf Course in Houston on 10-13-2022. It was an individual stroke play format. Damian Cuenca came in 5th place out of 34 total players by shooting a score of 55. Travis Maclauchlan came in tied for 6th by shooting a score of 60 and Joaquin Santos tied for 10th place by shooting a score of 63.

“The young men playing for the Tors were Ryder Addison, Price Burnette, Brody Garcia, Rio Jones and Hogan Lanier” Head coach is Mike Kleinecke.

## Ball High Media Frenzy Continues: Photography Class Offered

by Nico Wolfgang Ebesibesi



Back by popular demand, Ball High again offers a photography class for those students who enjoy taking photos. ‘If you’re interested in taking photos, you don’t have to be in the class to participate.’ said instructor Mike Dudas. “Come and see me in room 2001-2003 if you’d like to participate.”



# Tennis Aces Nederland in Bi-district win!

## Tors Snatch Victory from Defeat



What a finish! The Tors started out at Kempner yesterday. Jacob Hart and Claire Jobe scratched out a much needed mixed doubles match, winning their 10 point tiebreaker (14-12). After doubles, we were down 2-5. The Tors fought back to even the score 6-6 before lightning ended the day. The only singles loss from yesterday came against Kempner's number one boy, the defending state champion. The Tors found themselves down 8-9, needing to win both of the last two matches for victory. Sofia Grasso fought back after losing her first set (3-6), but won her second (6-4) and tiebreaker (13-11)! Sofia was absolutely clutch in a must win match. Claire Jobe sealed the deal for the Tors, never losing control of her match (6-3, 6-2). The Tors will face Foster Monday for Regional Quarterfinals. We are trying to confirm playing at Dawson High School at 2:45pm.

# The Tor Store: Something for Everyone

By Janeth Huerta



Tor Store students left to right; Joseph Ordonez, Alejandro Cristan, Luca Paessle, Gavin Trippon, Jayden Miller, Kayla Hector

Students learn business practices under the guidance of Darren Muren at the Tor Store located in the commons area on the first floor.





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*Don't forget to buy your Ball High Yearbook, available in room 2063, to keep your memories of this fantastic school year. Use the QR code to purchase your book.*

