

WHAT'S  
NEW?

Bishop Hall

# KNIGHTLY NEWS



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Dear Bishop Hall Friends and Families,  
It's hard to believe February is already coming to a close! With March right around the corner, we're gearing up for a busy and exciting spring. Before we move forward, we want to take a moment to celebrate the success of our College and Career Fair held on Thursday, February 20. It was a fantastic event with a great turnout, and we encourage even more students to take advantage of this opportunity next year. Ms. Constance Hudson was the driving force behind it all and I want to extend a special thank you to her on behalf of all the students at Bishop Hall.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the exhibitors and donors who made this event possible, including ABAC, Belk, Longhorn Steakhouse, Ameris Bank, Labor Finders, Lincoln Tech, Synovus, Goodwill Industries, Thomas University, Thomasville Police & Fire Departments, Army and Air Force recruiters, multiple programs from SRTC, TNB, and Envision Credit Union. We are incredibly grateful for their time, resources, and dedication to helping our students explore future career and education paths. In addition, we want to give a special shoutout to Wendy Hendrix and our amazing cafeteria staff for preparing a delicious spaghetti dinner for everyone to enjoy!

This year's fair also featured a clothes closet for seniors who needed business attire for interviews and graduation, as well as assistance with FAFSA applications to help students take the next steps toward their future. These extra touches made a big difference, and we are proud to offer these resources to our students.

As we turn toward March, spring is on the horizon, and so are our End-of-Course exams. We are focused on helping every student finish strong and show what they've learned. Seniors, believe it or not, you're about to be three-fourths of the way through your final year of high school! With just one quarter to go, there's so much to look forward to, and we can't wait to celebrate all your achievements in the months ahead. Let's keep working hard and making the most of every opportunity. Thank you for being part of the Bishop Hall family!

*Dr. Jim Rehberg*

**Dr. James Rehberg**  
Principal, Bishop Hall





# SNOW

# DAYS



**In Thomasville, the skies were gray,  
A rare event on this winter's day.  
Snowflakes drifted from up high,  
Blanketing the earth, a frosty sigh.**

**The southern air, so warm and mild,  
Had never seen such snowflakes wild.  
The town stood still in quiet awe,  
As children ran, with joy they saw.**

**They built their forts and snowball stacks,  
Laughter echoed down the tracks.  
They slid on hills and made snowmen tall,  
A winter wonderland, they loved it all.  
They made snow angels in the yard,  
Imprints of joy, soft and hard.  
With outstretched arms, they gently lay,  
Leaving shapes that would not stay.**



**In this town where warmth holds sway,  
The snow was here, if just for a day.  
And though it was fleeting, the memories stayed,  
Of the snowy fun in Thomasville's shade.**

**A rare sight in the Georgia sky,  
Snowflakes fell, and children flew by,  
In joy and wonder, all aglow,  
A perfect, unusual southern snow.**



# In the Spotlight



Devon Glover, with talent brightly burned,  
Met Dr. Lee's class to teach uniquely.  
The 8th graders, eager to learn and create,  
Dove into Shakespeare with laughter and cheer,  
As Sonnet Man showed how words resonate,  
Through parodies that brought the poems near.  
His performance was a hit, a true delight,  
As he brought Shakespeare's words to life with flair.  
The students joined in, their minds took flight,  
A classroom of creativity filled the air.  
A memorable day, one to hold dear,  
Where learning and fun came clear!



# In the Spotlight



Thank you to our friends at Thomas County Central High School for inviting Dr. Lee's 9th graders to join them at the board auditorium for a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" by the Southern Shakespeare Company. They loved it!



JUST  
Call Me  
ROMEO

# In the Spotlight

As you may have heard, Mrs. Sparks was offered an excellent opportunity within the Thomas County School system and has taken on her new role as a school nurse. During her time with us, Mrs. Sparks enjoyed working with the students, seeing them grow, and celebrating every successful step they have made. While the students and staff will miss her and all her hard efforts at Bishop Hall, we appreciate her contributions and wish her the best in her next chapter.

Ensuring that there is no gap in the support Bishop Hall provides our students, we would like to introduce you to our newest team member, Brian Phinazee. Mr. Phinazee hails from Coolidge and graduated from TCCHS in 2004 before he enlisted in the US Air Force. During his enlistment, Mr. Phinazee has been stationed at five duty stations, visited over 30 countries, and is a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He spent the first half of his career as a Vehicle Operator and changed jobs in Command and Control in 2012, working with 1st Special Operations and at the US Air Force Academy. During his time in uniform, he earned an AA in Transportation and an AA in Emergency Management. In 2015, Mr. Phinazee retired as an E6, Technical Sergeant.

Since his retirement, Mr. Phinazee changed gears and decided to attend Valdosta State University and obtained both a BA and MA in English. During that time, Mr. Phinazee worked with the university tutoring department and taught English 1101 and 1102 for four semesters to first-year college students. After COVID-19, Mr. Phinazee began substituting with the Thomas County Schools for 2024/2025, returning to his Alma Mater.

This academic year, Mr. Phinazee started working at the ISS for Bishop Hall and the Renaissance Center for the first half of the year. After Mrs. Sparks transferred, he moved over to help the IEP Program and Mrs. Bailey at Bishop Hall continues to provide support to our students in various capacities, even taking the initiative to revitalize Bishop Hall's guitar club which has been growing each week.

At Bishop Hall, our students and their education continue to be our top priority. We hope that Mr. Phinazee's background and practical approach to education will further bolster the amazing staff here. We're glad to have Mr. Phinazee join our team!



# Welcome



*Thank you for  
going above  
& beyond.*

In recognition of National School Counselor Week, we want to give a huge thank you to Mrs. Melissa Rodgers for everything she does for our students and staff. Not only is she in charge of scheduling and credits, but she also keeps a close eye on every aspect of school life at Bishop Hall. From her teacher treats to counseling sessions, career advice, and dress code assistance, she goes above and beyond to support our school community. With over three decades of experience guiding students to graduation, she plays a major role in Bishop Hall's high graduation rate. Whether it's through her organization, problem-solving, or the countless things she does behind the scenes, she truly is an outstanding counselor every day of the year!

*Truly  
Grateful  
for you.*



It's often the people behind the scenes who make sure everything runs smoothly, not just those in the spotlight. In any big organization, those in support roles are key to keeping things on track.

Wes Sampson is one of those unsung heroes, handling all the tech needs for students, faculty, and staff. His hard work, knowledge, and commitment are what make technology a seamless part of our school. Wes also does so much for our students that often goes unrecognized. Without him, special events, dances, and graduation wouldn't run as smoothly as they do. He always goes the extra mile, ensuring everything works flawlessly while making sure technology supports every part of our school community.



# College and Career Night



Bishop Hall hosted its first College and Career Night on February 20th, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, drawing a great turnout of students and families. The event facilitated direct interaction between attendees and representatives from a diverse range of educational institutions, businesses, and community organizations.

In addition to the informational booths, a clothes closet was available to graduating seniors, offering professional attire for interviews and graduation. A spaghetti dinner was provided to attendees.

The event served to connect students with potential post-secondary educational and career opportunities, contributing to their informed decision-making process.



Special thanks to Brett James, Melissa Rodgers, and Constance Hudson for making this night happen.

# Things to remember:

- Follow dress code at all times.
- Complete all work and study.
- Come to school every day.
- We want to see your smiling faces.
- Follow the discipline rules.
- Place cell phones in the pocket holder in each classroom.
- Respect others.

**“The choices we make dictate the lives we lead.”**

Our Mission is to provide a diverse and nurturing educational experience that engages students in building a foundation for lifelong learning.

