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## BEAUFORT BALLERS



### *VOLLEYBALL LADY EAGLES SOAR TO A STRONG START*



By Piper Kennedy

After months of early mornings and relentless training, the Beaufort High's volleyball team has launched into their season with a dominating 4-1 start [6-1 including non-region games], marking one of their best openings in recent years. Their hard work began in May, with summer conditioning averaging four practices a week, starting as early as 6:30 a.m. While most students are still asleep, the Lady Eagles are on the court, building strength, chemistry, and passion that now fuel their success.

Their first regional game was a landmark victory, defeating the Bluffton Bobcats for the first time in six years, to which new coach as of May, Bill Crumine, exclaimed his 'slogan,' "ROW THE BOAT!" He, unbeknownst to many others, awakes at 4 am, navigating his way before sunrise all the way from Hilton Head. And yet, he suggested the 6:30 practice time—prefers it.

Now the Lady Eagles set their sights on advancing through one of the most competitive regions in South Carolina. Their pool includes powerhouse teams such as Bishop England, who finished 3rd in the state last year, and May River, who, also last year, ranked 5th in 4A schools. With momentum on their side and months of preparation behind them, the team has set its sights on winning regionals.



# GOOD STUDENTS MAKE GOOD TENNIS PLAYERS

By Virginia O’Kelley and Sophie Brown

Virginia O’Kelley (12), But she represents the appointed as captain rest of the team, which and member of BHS’s includes 9 out of the Sports Leadership senior girls ranking in Committee, has been the top 30 of their class. playing for seven years, If the numbers don’t ranked at number 5. speak volumes of how Her presence on and they are balancing off the court is powerful, school and sports, as she is a leader not Captain Paige Fosberry just for the team, but for (12) says her biggest tip Student Council’s Body. for staying productive is Though obtaining getting your homework many, O’Kelley claims done before practice—that as a tennis team, "it’s always better to get their biggest ac- it out of the way." complishment has Maggie Brown (12), been making the number 2 singles, backs playoffs each fall since this tip, advising to use freshman year. free time during the O’Kelley is just one school day to get your commendable player. homework done.

If you see a tennis player in green and white, don't just ask them for a tennis lesson, get some help with your homework while you're at it.

The tennis team so far has had a strong season with a 4-4 record as of September 25. Home matches begin at 4:30 with free admission, so show out to support if you can.

**FUN FACT**

The tennis team has had a different coach every year for the past four years...

However they make the best of it. Captain Addy Norris (12) says "the exciting at-mosphere that the season brings" is her favorite part of playing tennis here, encouraged by Lauren Grice’s (12) "music on the turtlebox," jamming to Gracie Abrams and Taylor Swift.



PHOTO TAKEN BY SOPHIE BROWN TO CELEBRATE THE SPONTANEOUSLY WORN GREEN, WHITE, AND GRAY COLORED PRACTICE OUTFITS

# FOOTBALL

By Maggie Brown and Hasan Lawrence

Compared to other schools, the football team's workouts have been thriving, and they've been working hard for a good standing this year. Currently, they have a record of 2-3. If the school relates to a creek, it seems to be beatable. Most recently, they pulled off a major win against non-region rival Battery Creek with a score of 48-0. However, there is still "work to do on both sides" with the most emphasis on effort. It is a challenge to make sure that all the players "play with great effort and [don't] have mental errors," since one confused person may ruin the whole team, says outside linebacker and senior James Thomas.

Although they failed to break the 3-year losing streak against Fort Dorchester, some were recognized for their performance like linebacker Chaz Brown, who was featured on a local newscast. Still, they remain hardworking during practice, and even during the school day. Practice doesn't stop at 6:30 to 8:15 am practice Monday through Wednesday. The varsity team is also required to take a weightlifting class first or second period for the entire first semester. Further in their week, on Thursday, they have an FCA meeting led by Coach Wayne Quinian. Thomas appreciates this, emphasizing that "faith is more important than football" and that the sport can "lead you to the lord." Thomas won student Athlete of the Week because he was going above and beyond, helping to clean up the training room of new athletic trainer Brooke Pataky. Way to go James. Good luck to our Eagles as they approach region play.

Our JV football deserves recognition all the same. For the first time in a long time, the Eaglettes pulled out a win against Philip Simmons. Tied until the last millisecond at 14-14, they also held their own against Goose Creek. Despite this close Thursday night game, some confounding factors with overtime and questionable calls led GC to take the win. Nevertheless, they were victorious against Battery Creek, similar to varsity, with a score of 20-0.



(PHOTOS TAKEN BY ELLA HOOGENBOOM AND YEARBOOK)

# EAGLES CAN SWIM



By Grant Stone

The Beaufort High Eagles remain victorious across all sports, including swimming. That's right! The Eagles won their first two swim meets against May River and Bluffton High School. One swimmer, Finnegan Eby, has swum on the team since grade 7. In an afterschool interview, Finn told us, "This team has the most spirit out of any team at our school, no doubt. We always have a positive attitude, unlike any other team I have been on." One of Finn's proudest moments was breaking the school record for the 500-yard freestyle race, which had remained the same for over 6 years. "It's a hard race," Finn told us, "it requires a lot of endurance and a clear mind."



This success isn't limited to the boys' team, though! BHS girls' swim has performed very well on relays for the past two years and ranked the highest they have ever in the state championship last year, winning regionals the previous year. Currently, the girls' team is 2nd in the region behind Hilton Head High School. This year, "our team is doing well at individual point scoring, helping us rank high in all of this season's meets."

# THAT GIRL CAN SWIM!

By Maggie Brown

Although it's a team sport, we can't help but highlight one particular swimmer, Amorette Chapman. Both region champ and small team champ, Chapman is now ranked 5th in South Carolina and 38th for the USA club. Chapman has been swimming for five and a half years for the school and SC Open Water Zone team, sticking with it because of the anticipation for a post-high-school activity, planning to swim in college. She says coaches' harsh feedback strengthened her internal motivation, and her future self thanking her for the hard work she's been putting in has been another great motivator.

Chapman swims both the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke, favoring the former because of its difficulty, and the amazing "reward after doing well in that race." Her excellence isn't limited to swimming, though, as she's played soccer and danced for 12 years, recently stopping to focus on swimming.

For people planning on pursuing college sports, like her, she advises to start researching schools at the end of sophomore year, while getting to know what you like, what you're looking for in a school. She also says that people should "think about how their future selves, who would be playing the sport in college, would handle a hard practice or a bad match/ meet/game": respected advice to deal with a setback. We can't wait to see what the future holds for this successful eagle!



# CROSS COUNTRY

By Xenia Perez

The sun hasn't even risen over the field when the cross-country team is already up and running. Long runs and track workouts, and relentless work on improving pace are the norm. Early in the morning, every day, is a part of the routine to get through the season, even better than the last. After 31 years of coaching, Colonel (XC Coach) has seen what it takes to succeed. "I want to pass on my passion for the sport of running to the next generation of runners," he said. "Both teams are working hard. Every week they are becoming stronger and faster. Hard work always pays great dividends. When you think you just took a step backwards it might really be a giant leap forward!"

Whether it is running through muddy courses, battling the heat and the cold, legs burning running up hills, the athletes know each workout builds not only speed but resilience. Although cross country might not have the biggest crowd as football on Friday nights, it has its own intensity. The sport of running tests mental toughness as much as physical endurance. Including runners battling the course, the clock, and themselves. For many on the team, crossing the finish line better than before proves how their hard work has paid off. This season, the team's goal is to improve meet times and placing to meet their personal records by the end of the season.



[photos taken by Xenia Perez]

# BASKETBALL: GETTING A HEAD START



By Maggie Brown

As the school year progresses, conditioning for winter sports has already gotten a head start. Zaniyah Reynolds-Morgan, a senior this year, is currently attending conditioning for girls basketball. "Basketball conditioning is going great. We are doing a lot of sprints (down and back the vertical length of the court in 10 seconds), scrimmaging, transition drills, [and working on] fundamentals like layups, free throws, 3 point shots, and passes." Over the past few years, the Lady Eagles have grown so much— they are excited to "win regions and become state champs!" With that being said, that wouldn't be possible without the talented players on the team. In addition to Zaniyah, some other people have been standing out during conditioning. "Nia, Kalni, Zaria, and Amirah are all doing an amazing job," says Reynolds-Morgan.

The conditioning takes place on Mondays from 4-6, Wednesday from 5:30-7 and Thursday in varying time slots. As an exciting season approaches, don't miss out on the opportunities to get extra practice in, you don't want to miss out on the "energetic, funny, and all around good vibes" of the players of the team! As for tryouts, a date has yet to be set, but they will most likely take place the first week of November— so set your calendars. If you are interested in joining this lively and promising team, make sure to take to the head coach Reggie Jones in the front office and have an updated Beaufort County physical packet, as well as be academically eligible to play.



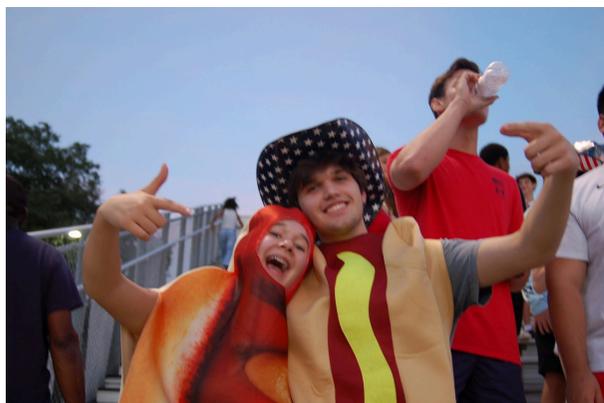
USA THEME

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

By Aaron Turbeville

With varsity football games every other week, the Friday Night Lights are naturally the center of the “high school experience” in the fall semester. However, the appeal isn’t drawn from the actual ball game. Instead, the painted cheeks and glitter bring the crowds to support our football team. With a different theme every game, dressing up is one of the best ways our Beaufort High students have come together to create a lively atmosphere.

Themes for the student section typically range from black-out to neon, but after a rain delay, our first Friday night home game featured a theme of “USA.” While some simply championed red, white, and blue colored clothing, others flaunted American flags as capes, dressed up as hotdogs (including me), George Washington, the Statue of Liberty, or even took inspiration from Uncle Sam. Costuming up, showing out, and joining chants is one of the best ways to make the night memorable and enjoyable, so put on your best outfit to match the theme of the game and show your support to our varsity football team under the next Friday Night Lights. Go Eagles!!!



# STUDENTS AND STAFF



## STELLAR STUDENT

By Maggie Brown



Although Beaufort High has many outstanding students, we can't help but highlight a special one: Nellie Vega. Even as a freshman, Nellie has made sure that she is making a difference in her community.

As a player on the tennis team, the JV softball team dating back to 8th grade, and newly elected Freshmen Class Pres-

ident, she is a hard-working ray of sunshine whose positivity lifts everybody's day. Fittingly, she was awarded the "Student of the Month," displaying August's characteristic of "kindness." Anyone who has had the opportunity to interact with this sweetheart would agree that her unwavering positivity instantly flips a frown upside down.

Taking the position of new elect, she is excited "to help [her] fellow 9th graders in creating events" and hopes to "be a good president" potentially for the next three years, as she plans on rerunning. She also plans to take dual enrollment classes at TCL. If you want to be more like the well-rounded, kind face, Nellie advises to "try your best at everything even when it gets hard because it will pay off!" Battery Creek, accommodating her two older brothers in previous years, missed out on a good one. I'm sure there will be many more updates on, accomplishments by, and smiles attributable to this young leader.

## STUDENT READS 200+ PAGES A DAY

By Sophie Brown

Typically flipping through an entire book a day, sometimes even two, Collins Sanders is undeniably an avid reader. On top of being ranked number four of the girls varsity tennis team, Sanders fills both her empty moments and busy moments reading. On top of 2 honors and 2 AP classes, she claims she reads when free time permits; if she's "already done the assignment" in class; while walking; and even when talking.

With 200 books recorded over 8-9 months, her reading list is impressive. The books don't just get set aside when she finishes them, however; she has reread some books close to twenty times. Nevertheless, once she's finished a book, she's practically memorized it.

These books cover pretty much any genre. Once she starts, "it's hard to stop," says Sanders. Even if she doesn't particularly enjoy a book, she will finish it. Sanders, like in tennis matches, is persistent, and quick.

You may be wondering what got her into this hobby. She notes that "it's great to tune out the world. That's what reading is isn't it? An escape." Once she learned how to read, she just never stopped. She found excitement in try-

-ing new genres and finding her favorites: dystopian, mystery, realistic fiction, and sci-fi. Well what's the secret? "To be honest, [she's] not really sure," supposing that she can look at a paragraph and understand its message, reading just flows for her- she doesn't even need to see individual words or sentences. If you are looking to become a book worm, Sanders advises to pick a genre right for you, as "everyone has a different preference." Don't force yourself, "you'll find yourself hating it!" However, if you want some recommendations, her favorites are *Where the Crawdads Sing*, *The Apothecary Series* and *The Maze Runner*.



## HIGH-FLYING FACULTY

By Laurel Hinderliter



This quarter's selection of Teacher of the Quarter goes to Mrs. Doray! Mrs. Doray is one of Beaufort High School's best. She has been teaching at BHS for 25 years, but remains as beloved by her students today as she was at the start.

Mrs. Doray teaches a variety of science classes, including AP Environmental Science, Marine Science Honors, and Biology 2. She loves all her science classes equally but is especially fond of AP Environmental Science because of the challenge it brings to "get students ready for collegiate level classes" and because "it has real-world implications."

In AP Environmental Science, students get to explore the scientific principles of the environment and the potential solutions to them, covering topics from ecosystems and biodiversity to energy, pollution, and global change. Mrs. Doray feels that her current APES students are capable, intelligent, and fun, making it easy for her to come to school each day.

## A \*NEW CHORUS TEACHER\* ENTERS THE VILLA

By Brianna Hancock

From opera stages to the classroom, Mrs. Backfish is a delightful new addition to the Beaufort High family. Her passion was fueled by her talented family of musicians and was further ignited by "inspirational choir directors who made [her] want to teach choir herself." Educated at Mercer University and Georgia Southern, she went on to sing opera.

While reflecting on her first few months at this school, she's happy everyone's been very understanding and patient with [her]. Looking ahead, Mrs. Backfish hopes to build on the choir program by connecting with middle school. She wants to "get a little bit more of a pipeline" so students know there's a choral program waiting for them in high school. This is because in the classroom, her focus is on connection. Mrs. Backfish wants students to feel tied to the lyrics, the music, and the culture they're "exploring in that piece."

When asked about how she felt after finding out she was chosen by her students to be Teacher of the Quarter, Mrs. Doray said, "That is the biggest honor...So much recognition comes from peer voting and to actually be selected by students, that means the world to me." While this shoutout might mean a lot to Mrs. Doray, it's just a small token of appreciation for everything she does for her students. She makes her classroom a welcoming place to be, where students can "feel comfortable making mistakes," "be who they are," and "get excited about the content just as much as [she does]."

Mrs. Doray advises new teachers to "ask questions, try new things constantly, [and] never think you know everything more than your students." If she could take her students on a field trip anywhere in the world, it would be to Iceland because "it's on a plate boundary and you can see the volcanoes," showing earth science working up close, which "applies to both AP Environmental Science and Marine Science." Besides teaching, Mrs. Doray is very talented at taking pictures of wildlife, which she enjoys doing in her free time.

Her passion for teaching, dedication to her students, and love of science make Mrs. Doray an irreplaceable part of Beaufort High. It's no wonder her students admire her as much as they do.

In addition to this feature, Mrs. Doray will get a free meal from The Upper Crust. Thank you to The Upper Crust for supporting our educators!



She loves the process of working on individual parts and watching it "become something really beautiful."

Now for anyone who's nervous about joining choir, Mrs. Backfish encourages them "to give it a shot." Her goal is that every student takes something meaningful from the experience, whether it's musical growth or simply making connections with classmates.

To view an upcoming performance, listen on October 2, the first fall concert, or December 11, the later winter event.

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS



## BEA, A FASHIONABLE STUDENT FROM 4,200 MILES AWAY

By Camille Giblin, Erin Crosby, and Maggie Brown

Fifteen-year-old Beatriz Fernandez-Gayol, a current sophomore here at Beaufort High, is from Majadahonda, a town in the north of Madrid, Spain. Famous for its Saturday market where people from around the country buy fashionable clothes, Majadahonda is much different than America. Coming to America was a culture shock in the sense of how people dress. Contrary to Madrid, the attire is much more informal. While people typically sport athletic and comfortable clothes here, the teenagers back home are usually making sure they are in “cuter clothes” such as jeans or nice tops.



[picture of tortilla de patatas]

Back home, her life featured volleyball 3 times a week and a love for her team, and friends, whom she misses most. She first started playing volleyball in 7th grade—starting as an 8th grade setter, then transitioning to libero—after quitting figure skating. She didn’t have to leave the sport behind, though! Here at Beaufort High, Bea is on the JV volleyball team. She doesn’t only thrive on the court, though. In Spain she was also valedictorian. Having fun and laughing were the best ways to get through the challenging academics in Spain! However, holding place as number one in her class meant more time studying and less time doing another hobby she loved: cooking. Tortilla de patatas, a typical Spanish dish resembling a potato omelette, is her favorite to curate.

You might be asking why she would want to leave her seemingly amazing life in Spain and come here. Well, after watching *Highschool Musical* and *K.C. Undercover*, she aspired to live the “American Dream.” As far as the future, Bea doesn’t know what she wants to do, but is interested in studying biology or medicine-related majors in college!

## ELLIE ANTOR CAN'T DENY SHE HAS A KNACK FOR SENIOR YEAR

By Caroline O’Kelley

Ellie Antor is a senior at Beaufort High and is from “one of the prettiest cities in the world,” Munich, Germany. Curiously, she finds the biggest culture shock to be gas prices, with America on the far cheaper end. Perhaps the acknowledgment of this is because her mom works for BMW (a different name in German) back at home. Nevertheless, back at home, other than gas prices, she misses her family and friends, public transportation, and field hockey. Because Munich is mere minutes from the snowy mountains, she also loves to delight in skiing, which she definitely won’t be getting here in South Carolina.



Since Ellie’s mother grew up here, she wanted to have a similar high school experience. She also loves Beaufort’s beauty and natural scenery, upholding her decision to come here as a 17-year-old. The thought of going to all of the high school dances and experiencing “the fun things you get to do in senior year” excited her the most about attending BHS as a senior. However, senior year won’t be done when she’s shipped home from the States. After her return, Ellie plans to finish school, with another 3 years ahead of her. In the German system she qualified for in the 3rd grade, skipping out on an apprenticeship. That way, she can choose a university, free in Europe, or an exciting American college, like USC, the one her mom attended.

# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

## GARDEN CLUB

By Julia Denton

Do you wish to participate in a helpful, community-based club? One that bases its activities in our school's very own garden? Meet Beaufort High's Garden Club!

With the objective to provide free and fresh produce for everyone, the Garden Club brings back the patience and passion for gardening. With the opportunity to be responsible for the growth of carrots, radishes, flowers, and more, don't miss the opportunity to join their **GC: qczhnwm**, and join their next meeting on Wednesday(date?)! If you have any more questions, feel free to ask the President of the Garden Club, Halle Tran, or the teacher advisor, Mr. Miller!



Also, the basil is doing great and is practically begging for someone to make some delicious pesto out of it—pick however much you'd like!

## CREATE CLUB

### TURNING WASTE INTO WONDER: CREATE CLUB'S NEXT BIG PROJECT

By Julia Denton

Don't miss CREATE Club's latest initiative! The club is dedicated to spreading awareness and promoting environmental responsibility in the Beaufort community. While the club is most known for its trash pickups and educational trips, members are now taking on a new challenge: turning recyclables into art. Partnering with the Maritime Center's annual recycling art project, students will build creative pieces using recycled materials to represent the unique environment of Port Royal Sound.

The club held its first meeting for the project on September 23 and welcomes help from anyone interested. Donations of recyclable items like cardboard, tabs, paper, and cartons can be dropped off in Dr. Bota's classroom (Room 1202). Our environment is a proud aspect of the Lowcountry," President Sophie Brown said, "and it's our job as a community to protect it." Support CREATE clubs' efforts to raise awareness and follow their progress as they transform everyday trash into meaningful art!



To get involved, scan the QR code!

## STUDENTS DEMAND ACTION



By Piper Kennedy

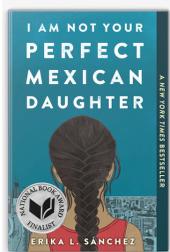
A group of passionate students at Beaufort High School denting Laurel Hinderliter, Piper Kennedy, Claire McDaniel, and Kendall Rivers have taken bold steps toward ending gun violence in their community and state by launching the first ever SC chapter of Students Demand Action. The club, formed in September of 2024, is part of a growing national movement that empowers young people to advocate for common-sense gun safety laws.

A student-led non-profit initiative affiliated with Everytown for Gun Safety, SDA now has over 900 chapters across the U.S.

The BHS chapter has already made a significant impact in its first year. After catalyzed by the Apalachee school shooting, the district tried to ban their attempt, though recently retired Mrs. Corbett was steadfast, contributing to their success here. Among their notable achievements, students traveled to Columbia last February, participating in Advocacy Day at the State House. There, Piper Kennedy, President and Founder, took to the podium during the press conference on the Capitol steps, calling for legislators to protect the students in local schools. Earlier in

## DAYLO

NEED A READ? By DAYLO students



### I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

In *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, Erika L. Sanchez highlights the expectations put on first-generation immigrants, diving into Hispanic culture, stereotypes, and strained relationships caused by parental expectations. Exploring imperfection, grief, and family secrets, this once-banned (in 2022) novel teaches empathy, keeping you engaged with plenty of plot twists and laughs.

### NOW A CLUB AGAINST BOOK BANS, WHAT WAS DAYLO'S ORIGINAL INTENT? By Sophie Brown

DAYLO began as a book club with the mission of "celebrating diversity" and integrating "diverse stories into our school," according to founder Holland Perryman, a 2022 Beaufort High School graduate and current senior at Vanderbilt University. Since leaving Beaufort, Perryman has had a unique college experience – working with incarcerated citizens in Nashville and helping to build up Vanderbilt's "Fashion Week." She has found her academic home in climate studies, a field she says highlights her time at BHS, explaining, "The grit I learned there prepared me for the rigor of college."

With new political shifts shaping our country's education policy, BHS DAYLO Vice President, Brea Parker, has emerged as a determined advocate against book bans.

Parker, an avid reader who grew up never being told she couldn't access a book, recently spoke up at a school board meeting where titles were being challenged in our district. Many of the targeted books were flagged for addressing race or containing vague sexual content.

The impact has already reached her own family. Parker's younger brother was denied the opportunity to use a banned book for a school project, an experience she says reflects a broader problem facing students in our country.

Through Parker and the rest of the club's involvement with the Pat Conroy Literary Center, and with guidance from executive director Jonathan Haupt, students have taken part in community pop-up events that battle local censorship efforts. Despite the fear censorship can evoke, DAYLO proposes that if novels are affecting children, then the students should be the ones included on councils to voice opinions.



[Holland Perryman, founder of DAYLO]



[Brea Parker, 2025-26 DAYLO VP, advocating against restricting *Dancing in the Rain*, a novel challenged for its "b\*tch" usage, despite being from the POV of a dog]



[members of BHS SDA protesting at the state house]

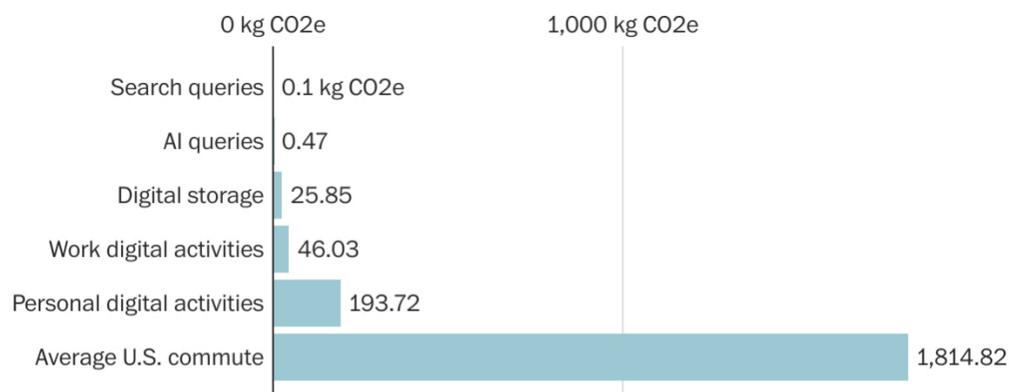
the year, the group was invited to speak at the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston during the 10th anniversary memorial of the 2015 mass shooting that claimed nine lives.

Addressing a solemn crowd, Laurel Hinderliter, Vice-President, paid tribute to the victims and demanded that legislators would "close the Charleston Loophole," so that such tragedies would never be repeated.

As the new school year begins, the SDA group plans to attend the local Habersham festival, advocate at the Port Royal Farmers Market, and continue to push for meaningful reforms. Their message is very clear: students are no longer staying silent.

# BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE

**Annual GHG emissions by activity for a typical American**



Assumes eight AI/search; one image query per day. Assumes representative avg. of commuting modes: car, transit, motorcycle, bike, walking.

Source: Neilson, DataReportal, U.S. Census Bureau, DOT

MICHAEL J. COREN / THE WASHINGTON POST

## Go Green: Greenhouse gases from AI are nothing compared to transportation emissions

By Sophie Brown

There is debate on the rising emissions of artificial intelligence, AI Researcher Jesse Dodge acknowledges this in claiming that energy in one Chat GPT question sums up to the electricity to light a bulb for 20 minutes (NPR 2024). So try and think about the energy from every user inquiring AI throughout the day...

While debates rise about the increased usage of AI and its negative effects on the climate, The Post's climate advice columnist Michael J. Coren emphasizes how transportation remains the dominating factor to greenhouse gas emissions, though still re-marking on the dangers of the rapidly growing efficiency and demand of AI (Coren 2025). In contrast, our BHS senior Aaron Turbeville researched the link between academic success and usage of Chat GPT, a form of artificial intelligence. He found that students with higher GPAs used Chat GPT more often, as a study tool to understand their work. Thus, even at a high school level, here at Beaufort High, the proficiency of AI is undeniable.

So benefits of AI prevail its emissions-as of now. But if AI is rising, and with it its inevitable emissions, how can we decrease emissions from other sources, such as the prominent daily source of gas from transportation? If transportation has 3,861.32 times the amount of emissions than the raved-about-emissions from AI (according to calculations from the graph), how can we minimize those transportation emission rates?

The average U.S. commute still takes up the most emissions compared to other personal activities (Coren 2025). Just look at the graph from The Washington Post! So besides walking or riding your bike which reduces your carbon footprint, carpooling is the next best thing. Doing one of the former as opposed to driving yourself for one day a week saves you \$455 in driving costs (City of High Point NC). So, next time you need to make a club meeting, a local event, go to the beach, or attend a birthday party, see what friends are going. Text them about carpooling, and save money in helping to save the planet. You may get a little more socializing while you're at it and build your friendships!

## FRENCH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

### FRENCH FUN FACT

How many French speakers live in America?

According to the US Census, around 1.2 million speak French at home, marking it the 5th most spoken language in America!



## Powder Puff is the New Pep Rally

By Caleb Singleton

The Student Government supported the community in assisting with the September Adopt-a-Highway pickup, filling 9 bags. They're also beginning the work of having a spirit week for basketball which was something they couldn't get off the ground last year.

Students' excitement for this year's Powderpuff, spearheaded by Virginia O'Kelley and Piper Kennedy, is evident in 31 seniors signing up. The power duo insisted on the event, and president Caleb Singleton commends their leadership and dedication to the student body; Caleb claims his "gratitude isn't enough thanks to all the selfless work those two girls do" and he really appreciates that they're on his team.

Caleb also includes that Student Body Vice President, Carasyn Musgraves, has been getting her feet wet, speaking at their first full body meeting and announcing a speech, in addition to Caleb's and the club advisor's, about her goals for the coming year. That induction contained around 8 families. Caleb continues in his humble manner, attributing the fact that he's "excited about all the amazing things she accomplishes in the years to come." Seems like we have some easy going, honest, yet determined, student officers here at BHS.

## De Beaufort a Howard: Smith se establece grandes metas

Por Carson Crosby



Los estudiantes de Beaufort High School continúan prosperando mucho después de graduarse, y la ex-alumna reciente Davariyah Smith es prueba de ello.

Graduada el año pasado, Smith es ahora un estudiante de primer año en la Universidad de Howard en Washington, D.C., con especialización en criminología prerrequisito para leyes. Espera algún día convertirse en abogada defensora o de negocios. La mudanza de un pequeño pueblo de Beaufort a la capital de la nación ha sido un gran ajuste, pero Smith dice que va con la corriente", mientras se instala en su nuevo hogar.

Su transición a los estudios universitarios fue gracias a los cursos de Colocación Avanzada y Honores que tomó en BHS. Ella explica que entendía cómo funcionaban las clases universitarias incluso antes de entrar a su primera clase. Smith afirma que su primer año de universidad es, francamente, una buena actualización, y señala que su experiencia en la clase de BHS fue una buena base para su experiencia universitaria actual.

Fuera del aula, Smith ya está buscando oportunidades.

Recientemente, ha solicitado trabajar en el departamento de atletismo de Howard. Centrarse en el diseño gráfico para el contenido de las redes sociales del día del juego. Mirando hacia el futuro, planea abrir su propio bufete de abogados, cambiar las políticas y ayudar a las personas a superar los desafíos de la vida. Incluso con su futuro en mente, Smith se toma un momento para reflexionar sobre su carrera de baloncesto en la escuela secundaria como una de sus mayores alegrías. Explica que su equipo la ayudó a crear sus mejores momentos de la escuela secundaria y agrega que extraña el sólido sistema de apoyo que tuvo de sus entrenadores y compañeros de equipo.

Para los estudiantes actuales, su consejo es claro: "Haz tu trabajo; esfuérzate; tome el AP y los honores, aun cuando puedan ser difíciles". Ella cree que desafiarse a sí mismo es la mejor manera de prepararse para su futuro. Su mensaje final a los estudiantes más jóvenes lleva su determinación característica, todos sus compañeros de equipo sabían bien: "No dejes que nadie te diga lo que puedes y no puedes hacer. Puedes hacer cualquier cosa. No dejes que el miedo te impida hacer lo que quieres hacer. Te convertirás en la persona que estás destinado a ser".

## UN VIAJE INOLVIDABLE

Por Kendall Rivers

Este mes de junio, un grupo de estudiantes de nuestra escuela secundaria se embarcó en un emocionante viaje de 10 días por Francia e Inglaterra, empapándose de la historia, la cultura y las nuevas experiencias en el camino. Nuestra aventura comenzó en Inglaterra, donde pudimos explorar los lugares de interés de Londres. El clima generalmente nublado de la ciudad pareció despejarse cuando llegamos. Vimos lugares originales como el Big Ben y el London Eye. El grupo exploró la histórica ciudad de Winchester, que mostraba el clásico encanto británico. Un punto culminante fue visitar el Castillo de Windsor, una de las residencias oficiales de la Familia Real. Durante su tiempo allí, los estudiantes tuvieron la suerte de presenciar un pequeño desfile militar, agregando un poco de tradición real al viaje.



Cruzamos el canal de Inglaterra a Francia en un ferry, donde hablamos y conocimos a nuestros primeros nativos franceses (aparte de Madame Marshall). Los estudiantes visitaron la pintoresca ciudad costera de St. Malo. El clima era hermoso y algunos de los estudiantes incluso nadaron en las frías aguas de la playa. La impresionante vista del Mont Saint Michael, un castillo medieval que flota dramáticamente en el mar. Luego nos dirigimos al corazón de Francia: París. Allí, los estudiantes disfrutaron de las vistas, practicaron sus habilidades francesas y probaron la deliciosa cocina francesa. Desde croissants hasta crepes, la ciudad ofrecía muchas oportunidades para experimentar la cultura francesa de primera mano.



# ALUMNI

## TIPS FOR FRESHMEN

By Addy Norris

### What should a newbie to BHS be aware of?

- 1) Join as many clubs that interest you and your career
- 2) Respect your elders (seniors)
- 3) Try to ignore FOMO
- 4) Take all AP's
- 5) Get involved and try your best
- 6) Play a sport
- 7) Pass your classes (have fun!)
- 8) Be true to yourself
- 10) Get a Planner

Laurel Hinderliter (12) says to "get involved in at least two clubs as a freshman and stick with them your entire high school career. Don't be afraid to try new things and don't always follow what your friends are doing."

Hasan Lawrence (12) says to "focus on your studies will lead to great opportunities for you! There is plenty of time in life to do the things you want, prioritizing the most important tasks will prove beneficial for you."

Sophie Brown (12), who wrote Tip #1, defended it noting that you "don't know what experience you'll gain and what you will learn about yourself and your aspirations. It also looks good for applying to college as a senior—stay dedicated to those extracurriculars!"

# TRANSITIONING INTO FRESHMAN YEAR

By Liza Grace Murdaugh and Nia Polkey

The biggest difference between middle and high school is the school's atmosphere, population, and size. Many described Beaufort High as overwhelming, confusing, and much larger than anything they expected. One student even compared the hallways during a class change to the crowd leaving a concert.

When we asked what they hoped to achieve in their high school career, many explained that they hoped to maintain good grades despite the fact that many indicated that their biggest struggle was their classes. And even though many students interviewed expressed that they missed old friends, they also explained that their favorite part about high school was meeting new friends and attending school spirited sports events.

So although many freshmen are facing obstacles adjusting to the new curriculum and environment, they are still finding ways to adapt to the new and nerve-racking atmosphere. Many students described their favorite part of BHS being the freedom that we as students are given and how easy it is to befriend new classmates. So even though there have been a few obstacles with the transition, most students explain that the transition to Beaufort High has gone pretty smoothly.



[some BHS freshmen]

## I'd like a slice of Oreo confetti, a bite of cappuccino strawberry, and a side of government

By Maggie Brown and Sophie Brown

Ms. Southard's AP Government and Politics classes covered lessons about federalism—cooperative federalism versus dual federalism specifically—when a cake metaphor was used. The "marble" cake represented cooperative federalism where national and state governments share responsibilities and meld together like the marble design of cake batters; the "layered" cake represents dual federalism where national and state branches of governments have separate spheres of power.



[Oreo confetti layer cake by Claire McDaniels]



[Strawberry and cappuccino cupcakes by Jourdaine Brown]

On a "Fun Friday," students had the opportunity to locate things related to powers and accessibility granted by the US constitution on a school-wide scavenger hunt. The lower water fountains and braille encoded signs are thanks to the Americans with Disabilities Act, for example. What would make it more fun, though, than eating classmate-baked cake afterwards? Showing off their baking skills, fourth period's Miss Claire McDaniels cheffed an Oreo and birthday confetti layer cake (the flavors worked great), while Jourdaine Brown baked mouthwatering marble strawberry and cappuccino cupcakes. Even Mr. Dorval replied, after looking through the clear lid, with "Oh my God." Sorry if you missed this day, 8/20.

# DON'T HEM US IN

By Laurel Hinderliter

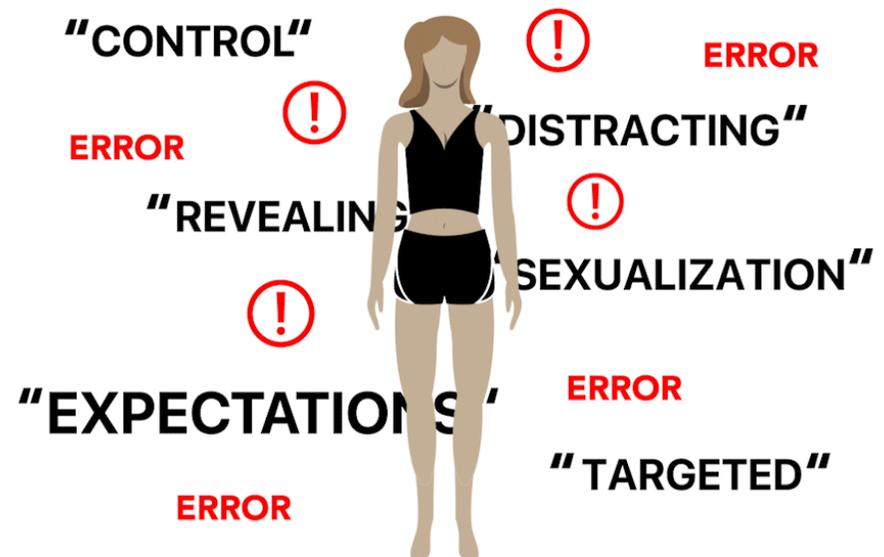
For many girls at Beaufort High, the start of the school year comes with an extra dose of dread, which can be summed up in two words: dress code. Rather than stressing about a presentation in health science or a test in geometry, girls are focused on whether their skirt is too short or if their top is the right shade of green. While boys are also subject to the dress code, it's girls who seem to be overwhelmingly singled out. According to a 2022 U.S. Government and Accountability Office report, many school districts cite safety as the principal reason for their dress code policy. While some parts of dress codes do protect students, like banning slurs on clothing, many elements make the school environment less equitable and safe for students. For instance, an estimated 60% of dress codes, including Beaufort High's, include rules that require measuring students' bodies and clothing – sometimes involving adults touching students. Many of these rules target skirts and tops, involving measurements of the midriff, thighs, and shoulders, which predominantly affect girls. Moreover, districts and schools should be wary of using terms such as "revealing," "inappropriate," or "provocative" when enforcing dress codes. Using such language implies that girls are dressing to attract sexual attention

or provoke strong reactions. It also reinforces harmful messages about how women are expected to look and present themselves in society. Furthermore, Beaufort County School District lists, "creating an atmosphere reflecting seriousness of purpose about education," "helping prepare students for future roles in the workplace," and "instilling discipline in students" among their rationale for dress code regulations. Therefore, this emphasis on modesty and covering up sends a direct message that a student's worth or professionalism is determined by their attire.

At Beaufort High, girls are often publicly shamed by the admin when they are called out for a violation in front of their peers. With this in mind, expecting girls to have high self-esteem, take risks, or assume leadership is unrealistic if they are publicly reprimanded for minor dress code violations. Additionally, girls are often pulled out of class, arrive late after being forced to change clothes, or are sent to in-school suspension (ISS) until they comply with the dress code – robbing them of valuable learning time. Denying a girl access to education because her skirt is too short prioritizes compliance over learning – which is unacceptable. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits

sex-based discrimination in any educational program or activity that receives federal funding. This protection extends to dress code policies and enforcement, and ushers the need for girls and boys to be treated equally when it comes to restrictions. In general, most dress codes ban clothing more commonly worn by girls, with 90% of rules associated with items traditionally worn by females compared to 70% male.

At Beaufort High, roughly ten more dress code regulations affect girls than boys. The rules for girls focus on skirts, skorts, and jumpers being of "modest" length, tops covering the midriff and shoulders, and banning items such as leggings, yoga pants, "bodycon" shirts, biker shorts, curlers, and "low-rise" clothing. For boys, rules are limited to baggy or sagging pants or shorts. Therefore, such unequal restrictions may conflict with the principles of Title IX.



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# END OR BEGINNING

By Lauren Rosencrantz

Applications, deadlines, colleges, essays, recommendation letters, college tours, and test scores are a subject in nearly every conversation with fellow seniors and friends inside your classes. You and the other seniors in your classes are beginning to fill out college applications, and some have already been accepted into a college when you still haven't even started any of your essays. Things begin to feel real. A constant reminder to yourself that a pivotal moment of your life is beginning to end. A year that has felt so far away for your whole life is actually here. Just a year ago, senior year felt like it wasn't even close to arriving. Now it is here, and you're already halfway through the first semester.

For most, college is not even a year away when it feels like just yesterday you stepped inside of the the high school building as a freshman, not

knowing what to do compared to everyone else in the building who had been there for at least a year. This school year, you knew exactly where to go from the past three years of being in this building. You realize you'll never forget the layout of the school, the sense of familiarity will always be there.

You begin to realize that you're beginning to do some of the last things you'll ever do in high school. Like your last first day of school, your last football game, your last school picture, and your last homecoming dance.

You order your gown for graduation knowing that in just a few months you will be bidding a bittersweet goodbye to high school by walking across that stage in front of all your classmates, friends, and family in the bleachers, you will receive your diploma full of accomplishments and memories.



And then you will say farewell to your fellow classmates and friends, not knowing what any of your futures will hold. Regardless of what happens, the memories of high school will always lay in the back of your mind, and little things will make you remember those moments. And despite where the ending of this chapter takes you, the memories will always remain.

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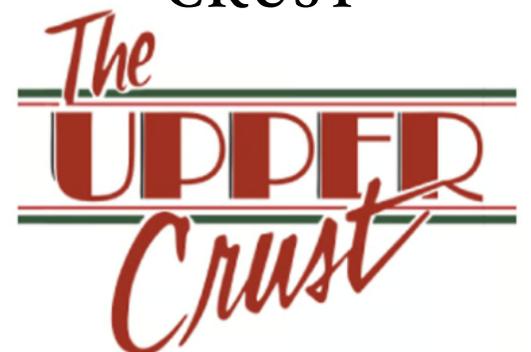
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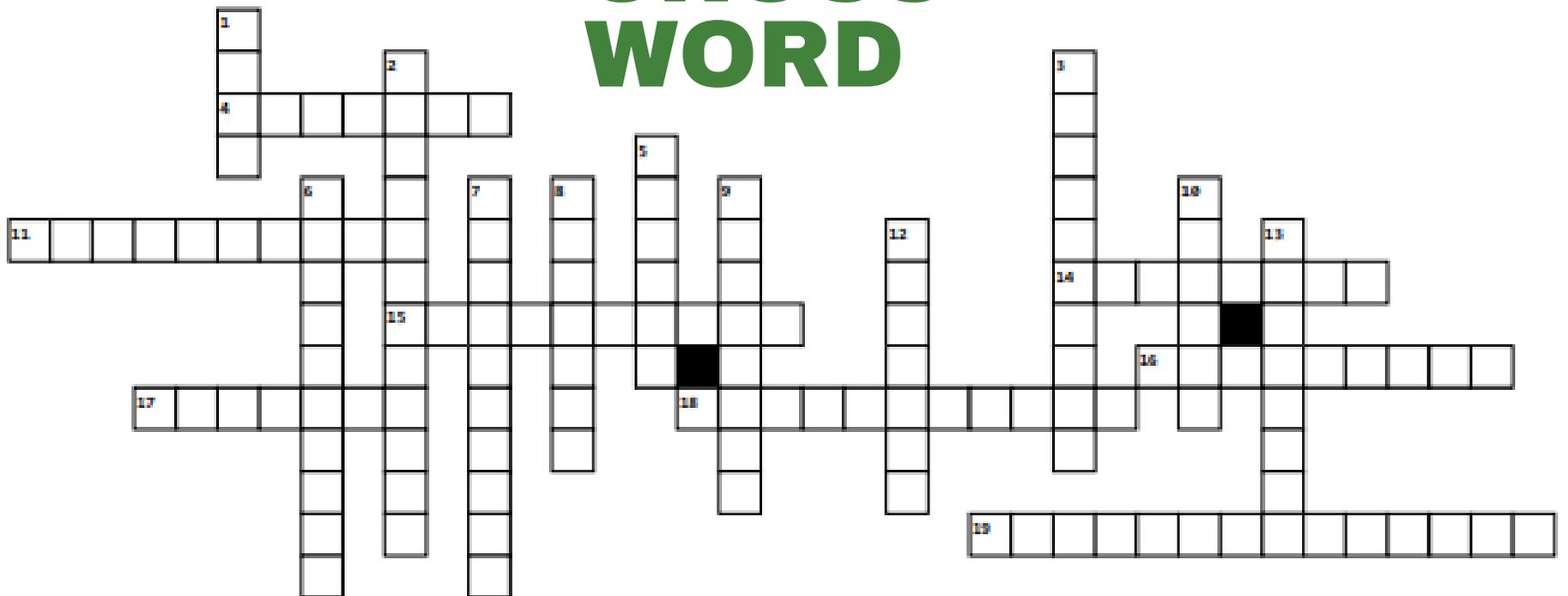
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# CROSS WORD



## Across

4. "That's a donut, and not the Krispy Kreme kind" -(teacher)
11. Whose quote above lunch room?
14. Seminar and research diploma
15. Before 1970, known as Beaufort High -----  
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16. NFL alum
17. First friendly face
18. Don't get towed!
19. Underclassmen in the back

## Down

1. "Don't be a dum dum join ---- "
2. administrative "antique"
3. Have a slice!
5. Ms. Southard's alma mater
6. "returning to residence" event
7. Game of reversed roles
8. Principal 3 years ago
9. Rotary service club
10. St. Helena High's gift to BHS
12. A certain foreign doctor is from this country
13. The eagles prey

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