

BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BarbersHill

Fall 2021



2021

STATE CHAMPS<sup>2</sup>



## 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

Fred Skinner, *President*  
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Cynthia Erwin  
Benny May  
Becky Tice

### BARBERS HILL ISD ADMINISTRATION

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*Superintendent*

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*Deputy Superintendent*

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*Special Services*

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Stephanie Martin  
*Special Services*

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*Transportation*

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## BH hits a Home Run



Dr. Greg Poole  
*Superintendent*

I was born in Lubbock, Texas, and I was never fond of the Mac Davis refrain, "Happiness is Lubbock, Texas, in my rearview mirror." The start of this school year is "déjà vu" as COVID is trying to take the stage front and center again, yet I've got encouraging news for Barbers Hill patrons... COVID did not ever, nor will, cause our students, staff or leadership to lose focus on why we are here and who we answer to.

Difficult times are also clarifiers, and as my grandmother would say, "You need the churn to cause the cream to rise to the top." And did Barbers Hill ever rise to the occasion! We had not completed our sports of the diamond when I penned our year-end message in June, but our baseball and softball athletes accomplished something NOT done in the history of 5A or 6A competition, by both teams winning state in the same year!

Likewise, we hit a home run academically. Our test scores are the strongest they have ever been compared to the rest of the state. The perfect ending to an imperfect year, and our students' successes were validation of the hard decisions made by our Board of Trustees.

Mac Davis actually ends his hit tune by admitting his love of Lubbock, but I'm still saying, "Happiness is COVID in our rearview mirror!"

I also couldn't be happier with the view through our front windshield! Barbers Hill is experiencing the highest percentage of growth, and we have one of the lowest tax rates in the Houston area. Our students continue to excel in unprecedented ways. While we may not be traveling to Lubbock, we are definitely heading in the right direction.







# WELCOME BACK!

We're excited to welcome students and staff back to campuses on August 18, as teachers, administrators, technology teams and maintenance and operations staff have been busy all summer preparing for a strong start to the 2021-2022 school year.

We continue to closely follow updates by the CDC and TEA related to COVID-19 for safe return to schools, and parents will receive necessary communications from the district.

Visit our website, [bhisd.net](http://bhisd.net), for Back to School details, school hours, meal prices, and more.

For 2021-22 school supply lists, scan the QR code at right, or visit [bhisd.net/parents-students/parent-resources](http://bhisd.net/parents-students/parent-resources).



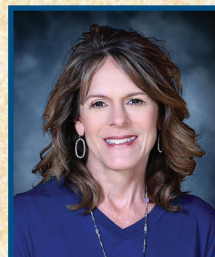
## Congratulations 2021 Principals and Teachers of the Year



**Secondary Principal  
of the Year**  
Chloe Yowell  
*Middle School South*



**Secondary Teacher  
of the Year**  
Travis Poe  
*High School*



**Elementary Principal  
of the Year**  
Dr. Missy Barrington  
*Elementary School South*



**Elementary Teacher  
of the Year**  
Theresa Quartz  
*Elementary School South*



## Genny Donnelly

### Distinguished Alumna



Genny Dutton Donnelly, BH Class of 1980, was born an Eagle and retired an Eagle. In the decades between, she taught hundreds of Barbers Hill students in the sciences and physical education, coaching many to district and regional championships.

"I am so thankful my parents settled here in BHISD and we could be part of this small town community," said Donnelly. "There is so much pride and so many traditions, with high expectations of excellence and the BH Blue and White 'We Can We Will' spirit. Immediately after high school, Donnelly entered Lee College Cosmetology program, graduating and earning her license to practice in 1981. She continued at Lee College to earn an Associate's degree, then finished her Bachelor's degree in Education in 1985 at Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University). Her teaching certifications include biology and physical education.

Donnelly taught sciences and coached volleyball and track in Goose Creek CISD before returning to the Hill. "I had to wait about 12 years on BH's waiting list to finally get hired at Barbers Hill," laughed Donnelly. Twenty years later, Donnelly retired from Barbers Hill ISD, having fulfilled a promise she made on her resume to give 100% to the district. Donnelly taught Science, Life Sports, and Project Wild in addition to coaching Volleyball, Basketball, Track, and Tennis, earning yearly district championships. She helped start Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Coaches Outreach at BHHS, as well as the BH Hall of Honor. She and her husband James raised their children here as K-12 Eagles: Hunter, BH Class of 2010, and Hannah, BH Class of 2012.



*Coach Donnelly with PE students at Middle School North in 2017*

"In the Hall of Honor, I meet students I had in middle school, many of them coaches now, and I hear about their successes in sports, and what Barbers Hill meant to them," said Donnelly. "That's when it hits home that we did something right. They're carrying on the tradition, the pride, the excellence, and the passion for the game."

## George Barrera

### Honorary Eagle



George Barrera will complete his twentieth year on the Barbers Hill ISD Board of Trustees in 2022. Born in 1961 in California, Barrera's family moved to Texas in 1967. When he was 8, Barrera's dad encouraged him to try his first sport, boxing. "I was blessed

to be successful at it," said the four-time Houston Golden Glove Champion. "I didn't like getting hit a lot, so I learned to hit and move," he laughed.

He graduated in 1980 from Pasadena's Sam Rayburn High School and just five months later, he began working for Gulf Oil (now Chevron Phillips), where he served for 33 years before retiring in 2013. Today he works in his second career as an administrator in Chambers County. In 1982, Barrera married Kelly (Ponce), and soon they began looking for a school district in which to raise their children.

"I asked the guys at work what they would recommend, and the general consensus was Friendswood," laughed Barrera. "But my mother-in-law asked if we'd looked at Barbers Hill, and I said, 'Barbers what?' Honestly, I didn't know." After more research, they felt sure BHISD was where they wanted to be, and their daughter Chelsea (Clynes) graduated in the BH Class of 2002, and son Chase in the BH Class of 2007. Now, their grandsons will graduate in the BH Class of 2027.

Barrera has served in many volunteer roles in BH, the community, and his church. In 2002, he wanted to serve the district in a more tangible way, so he campaigned and was elected to the Board of Trustees, where he has served as secretary and president during his 20-year tenure. As an elected volunteer, Barrera said the reason for his continued service is simple.



*The BHISD Board of Trustees with George and Kelly Barrera, as they prepare for graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2021*

"People ask me to keep serving. That's as flattering as it can get. It means you're doing something right," said Barrera. "Once you drink the 'Kool-Aid,' all you want to do is help support this great community."



# Introducing... **New Principals**



*Middle School  
North Principal*  
Matt Barnett



*Middle School  
South Principal*  
Cliff Horn



*Elementary School  
South Principal*  
Hollie Hanks



*Early Childhood  
Center Principal*  
Michelle James

## **New Leadership Roles**



*Transportation  
Director*  
Josh Rice



*School Nutrition  
Director*  
Adeena Henning



*Chief of Police*  
Sgt. Shane McBride



*Exec. Director  
Curriculum & Instr.*  
Chloe Yowell



*Exec. Director  
Special Services*  
Stephanie Martin

## **New Athletic Director**



**Carl Abseck**

Barbers Hill ISD welcomed new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Carl Abseck this summer. A 24-year coaching veteran, Abseck joins the district from Cedar Park High School in Leander ISD, near Austin.

During his tenure at Cedar Park, Abseck's football teams claimed State titles in 2012 and 2015, and State Finalist titles in 2014 and 2020.

"We're here to teach and coach sports," said Abseck. "But we're also here to raise good young men and women. That's the end goal for our program."

Abseck and his wife of 22 years, Audra, have two children: Gunnar, 18, who graduated high school in May, and Carly, 14, who will be a freshman at BHHS. BH is also excited to welcome Audra, an RN, who will join the nursing team at BHISD.

"Carl is a proven winner," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole. "He's a great dad and his wife Audra brings valuable experience as a school nurse. We are excited to have them join our team!"







Freshmen Team Practice



TechFest for Teachers



Baseball Camp



Volleyball Tryouts



Football Drills



Student Technology Team



Soaring Eagle Band Practice



Tennis Practice



Strength & Conditioning



New Teacher Orientation



Softball Camp



Basketball Camp



# Building the Future

New Campuses on schedule for Fall 2022 Opening

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NORTH

Grades 4-6

Located behind the Sam & Carmena Goss Library



## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SOUTH

Grades 4-6

Located on FM 565 East



### Auxiliary Field Scoreboard and Stands Renovation

The former 10' x 12' Auxiliary Field scoreboard will be replaced with a 36' x 25' backlit scoreboard, courtesy of the Barbers Hill Education Foundation. New seating will accommodate 1000+ fans on each of the Home and Visitor sides.

The Auxiliary Field is used by Middle School Football and Track teams, as well as by community sports leagues throughout the year.



## NEED TO KNOW...

- Watch for **buses and bus riders** in early mornings and afternoons beginning August 18
- All Elementary students may receive a **FREE Regular Breakfast and Lunch** this year
- **Sports Passes** for secondary students offer entry to all Home Games. Available at your campus for \$15
- **Spirit Shirts** for elementary students offer entry to all Home Games. \$10 each at your campus
- The **REMIND App** gives parents real-time BH news and information. Download it today!
- The **Parents & Students tab** on our website offers many parent resources at [bhisd.net](http://bhisd.net)





LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

# FOOTBALL 2021

August 20	La Porte & Clear Falls	AWAY	TBA
August 27	Katy Paetow	HOME	7:30
September 3	Port Arthur Memorial	AWAY	7:00
September 10	Heights	AWAY	7:00
September 17	OPEN		
September 23	Kingwood Park *	AWAY	7:00
October 1	Crosby * (Hall of Honor)	HOME	7:30
October 8	Port Neches Groves *	AWAY	7:30
October 15	Santa Fe * (Homecoming)	HOME	7:30
October 22	Nederland *	AWAY	7:30
October 29	Dayton * (Senior Night)	HOME	7:30
November 5	Texas City *	AWAY	7:30

