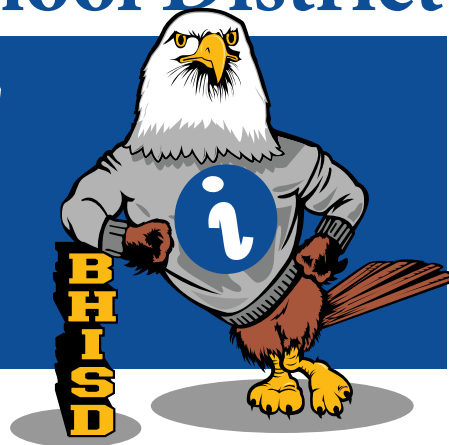


# Barbers Hill Independent School District

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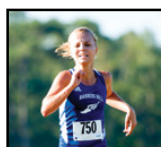
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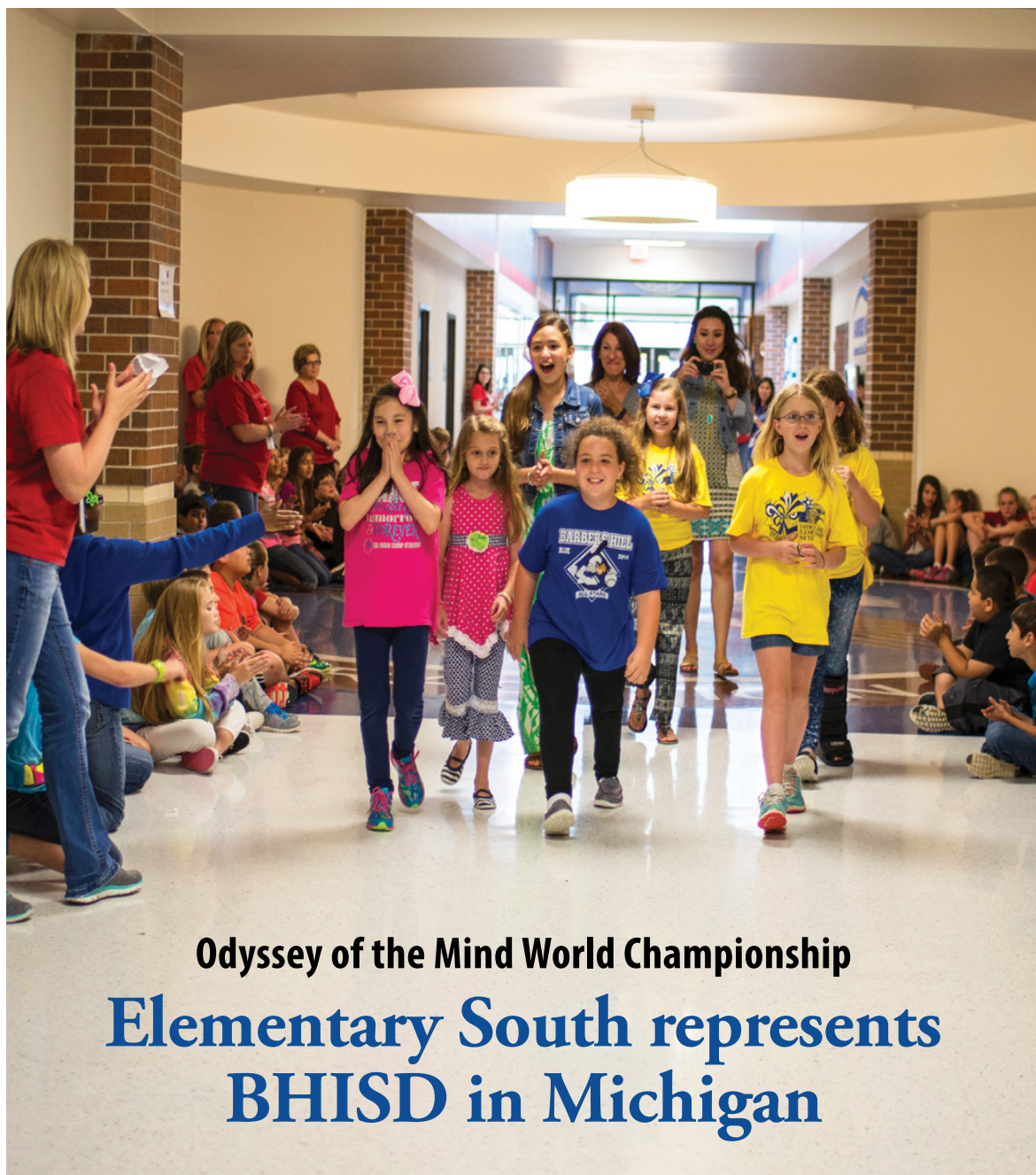
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Odyssey of the Mind World Championship  
**Elementary South represents  
BHISD in Michigan**

*A Tradition of Excellence...by any measure*



## Soaring to New Heights



**Dr. Greg Poole**  
Superintendent

First-time visitors looking for the hill at Barbers Hill are often taken aback by its lack of verticality. No, it's not much of a hill as measured by its height. In fact, it's technically the top portion of a salt dome. Yet, as with the district named

in its honor, there is much, much more beneath the surface. The hill named after Amos Barber contains the largest storage capacity for LPG in the world! The price of some petrochemical products is actually established for the world market in Mont Belvieu, Texas.

Our theme this year was Soaring to New Heights and indeed we did. Once again, be it our 19<sup>th</sup> UIL District Championship in a row or 100% of our seniors fulfilling state mandated requirements, BHISD did soar! Our successes are at every grade level, but just as impressive is what lies beneath the surface of BHISD. Win or lose, our students always WIN. Other districts' coaches, parents, and patrons continue to positively comment on our students' character, appearance, and sportsmanship. Rick Kana, our high school principal, recently introduced at graduation the handful of our graduates entering our armed services. In unhearsd fashion, their classmates gave them a standing ovation. A deserving gesture, and in fact all of our staff and students deserve a standing ovation for another memorable year. Our hill may not be the highest, but our Eagles once again soared to new heights!

### BHISD 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 2015-16 Board of Trustees includes Fred Skinner, Jef Farrell, Cynthia Erwin (Secretary), Ron Mayfield, Becky Tice (Vice President), Benny May (President), and George Barrera.

## Board incumbents run unopposed

Barbers Hill ISD School Board incumbents Becky Tice, Ron Mayfield and Fred Skinner were the lone candidates to file for positions 5, 6, and 7 on the Barbers Hill Board of Trustees ballot this spring. With no opponents, the election was cancelled and the three board members were sworn in for new 3-year terms during the board meeting on May 18, 2015.

"This is a savings to our district, but more importantly, it is a barometer of public opinion," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole. "It indicates the trust held by the constituents of Barbers Hill in our wonderful Board of Trustees."

With this fourth consecutive year of uncontested elections, every Board member has now been re-elected to his or her position unopposed.

"This is an exciting time in the life of Barbers Hill," said Fred Skinner. "So many of the things we do in life are temporary. The opportunity our board has today, to shape infrastructure, to build relationships with our community and with surrounding industry, will provide our students access to a quality education for years to come."



Board member Jef Farrell receives an appreciation card from BH Primary Principal Mandy Malone and students Addison Roach, Addison Gonzalez, and Meagan Abernathy.



Board member George Barrera welcomed grandsons Nicholas and Alexander Clynes, who are students at BH Kindergarten Center, during Board Appreciation Month. All of our Board members have had children and/or grandchildren attend BHISD.



High School (9-12)..... ext. 1299  
Middle School North (6-8) ..... ext. 1410  
Middle School South (6-8) ..... ext. 1230  
Elementary School North (2-5) ..... ext. 2807  
Elementary School South (2-5) ..... ext. 1504  
Primary School (1) ..... ext. 1223  
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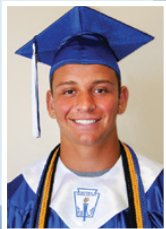




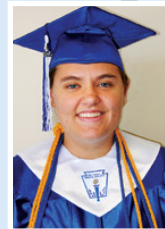
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# CLASS of 2015

The Barbers Hill Class of 2015 is one of the largest graduating classes at BHHS: 323 seniors received diplomas at Eagle Stadium on June 5, 2015.



Valedictorian Russell Forstell  
Attending Georgia Tech University  
Majoring in Mechanical Engineering



Salutatorian Alexis Powers  
Attending Texas A&M University  
Majoring in Biomedical Science

1.  
Russell Forstell  
Valedictorian

2.  
Lexie Powers  
Salutatorian

3.  
Sonia Torres

4.  
Nicole Guentzel

5.  
Sage Hall

5.  
Alyssa Horn

6.  
Natalee Veazey

7.  
Teddy Rowlett

8.  
Michael Horn

9.  
Shay Coplin

10.  
Emily Joseph



BHHS Class of 2015 Top 10-ranked students sporting their college tees



# Barbers Hill earns straight A's in area study



The Texas advocacy organization Children at Risk released its

10<sup>th</sup> annual public school rankings in May. Included were nearly 1,350 campuses within an 8-county region surrounding Houston. The rankings were based largely on student performance on state exams in reading and math, but also took into account annual student progress on state testing and the relative scores of low-income students. The ranking for high schools also contained a college readiness component. The Houston-area schools ranked included 870 elementary schools, 314 middle schools and 163 high schools. Of these, Barbers Hill schools performed at the following levels:

Barbers Hill Elementary ranked in the top **30%**

Barbers Hill Intermediate ranked in the top **20%**

Barbers Hill High School ranked in the top **20%**

Barbers Hill Middle School ranked in the top **15%**



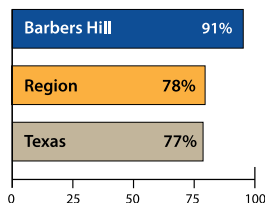
## State Test Results 2014

Barbers Hill ISD continues to outpace state and regional scores on the mandatory STAAR and End of Course exams, as well as average scores on national tests such as the ACT and SAT in 2014. See below for highlights, or visit our website, [bhisd.net](http://bhisd.net), for more details on performance by grade level and subject.



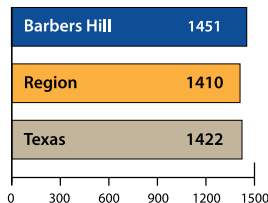
### Grades 3-8

#### Barbers Hill 2014 STAAR Results - All Tests

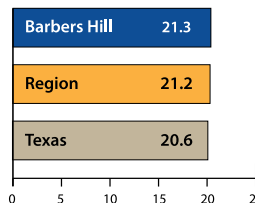


### High School

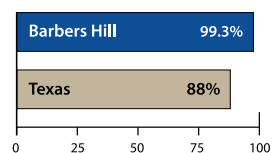
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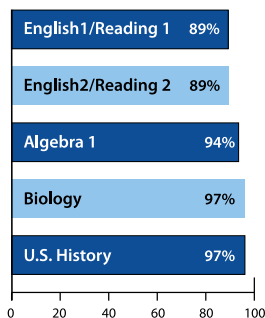
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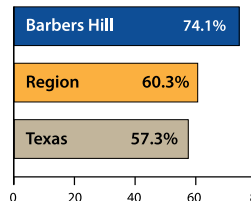
#### Graduation Rate



#### End of Course (STAAR) Passing Rates



#### 2011-12 Graduates Enrolled in Texas Institutions of Higher Education





# BHHS wins 19<sup>th</sup> District UIL Academic Sweepstakes



Barbers Hill High school students brought home the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive District Sweepstakes trophy this spring in Academic UIL competition. Combined, students earned 8 First place team medals and 12 First place individual medals at district competition.



**Academic Decathlon Competition** BHHS Academic Decathlon team finished 8th in State competition and medaled in Interview, Art, and Speech competitions. The team also placed in Mathematics, Essay, Economics, Science and Literature. Junior Jeremy Nicolai won 4th place Overall in the Honors Division at state by earning medals or placements in 5 subjects.



**Debate Team Competition** BHHS Debate Team attended State competitions in both the Texas Forensics Association and UIL- CX Debate. At the UIL District level, our students won Championship titles in CX Debate, LD Debate, and Informative Speaking, in addition to having 4 state qualifiers. Seven students also qualified for the TFA State Tournament in El Paso.



**Academic UIL State Competition** Senior Darby Baker attended the state UIL competition in Headline Writing, and junior Emily Muscat participated in Ready Writing in Austin this spring.





# Barbers Hill ISD Students

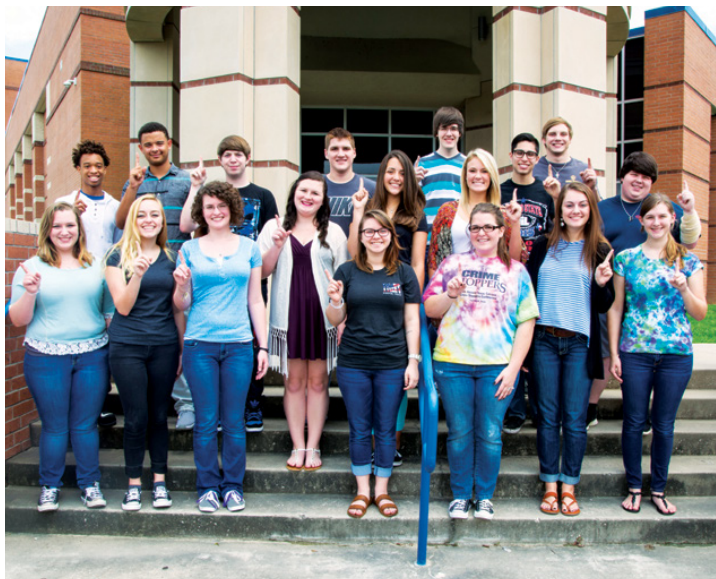


**Odyssey of the Mind** Barbers Hill students from Elementary School South advanced through regional and state Odyssey of the Mind competitions this spring to the World event at the University of Michigan. More than 800 teams comprised of students in grades 3-5 from 17 countries were required to present a student-crafted solution to a real-world problem.



**Band** Forty-five band students competed at UIL State Solo/Ensemble this spring. Ten students earned the highest award attainable, 1st Division Gold Medals. Earning these medals for solo performances were sophomores Ethan Doucet and Tori Hart, and for Ensembles were Nicole Guentzel, Tori King, Sarah Mask, Sarah Moorman, Lexie Powers, Caleb Powers, Betsy Sanchez and Sonia Torres. Silver medalist in solo performance was Reed Woodall.

**Choir** Forty-seven choir students competed at UIL State Solo/Ensemble this spring. Twenty-three students earned the highest award attainable, 1st Division Gold Medals. Earning these medals for Solos were 9 students: Connor Cherry, Jacob del Campo, Lyndsey Gerhart, Briana Guidry, Jacob Pickering, John Prochazka, Nic Pryor, David Rhoades, and Kendall Waller. Fourteen students earned gold medals for ensembles.





# Shine in State Competitions

**FFA** Twenty-two FFA students were state qualifiers this year, including three who were in the Top 10 of Texas in their areas: Ashton McCawley - Swine Production, Landon Joseph - Grain Crop Production, and Sydney Frames - Food Technology & Processing. Four students also reached the state level in pursuit of their FFA Degree, which is the highest attainable degree for students: Sierra Rose, Tasha Garrett, Breanna Nelson, and Makenzie Mayfield.



**BHHS Student Council** High School Student Council received a Sweepstakes award from the Texas Assoc. of Student Councils for outstanding performance in all 5 categories of competition, including: Outstanding Student Council, Pride and Patriotism, Drug, Alcohol, Safety, and Health, Energy and Environment, and Community Service.

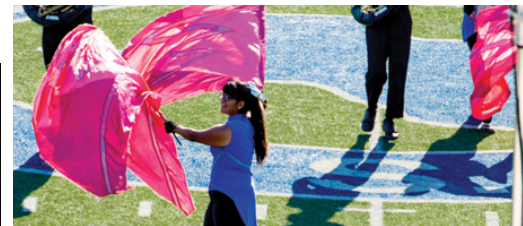
**One Act Play** BHHS One Act Play advanced to Regional competition for the 23rd consecutive year with its performance of "Abelard and Heloise."



**Drill Team** BH Eaglettes brought home trophies from two Showtime International Competitions, including Sweepstakes Awards for scoring 90 and above on all routines, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Small Teams Divisions, three "Best in Category" Awards, four "Division 1" Ratings, and the Overall Duet Winner award to Eaglette officers Stephanie Korenek and Alyssa Aguillard.

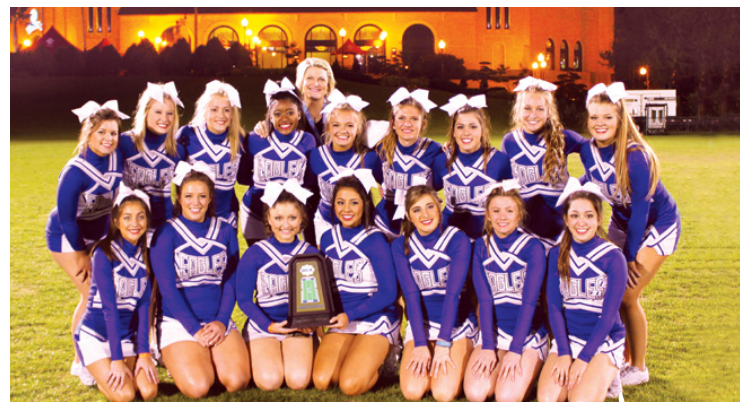


**Robotics** BHHS Robotics Club, in just its 2nd year, earned 3 first place awards including: 1st place Overall and 1st place for Invention and Innovation at Space Center Houston's Next Gen Robotics competition, and 1st place Overall in Waterbotics at the Vex Robotics competition. The team also garnered a Sportsmanship Award and Founders Award at the Urban STEM Initiative competition.



**Color Guard** BHHS Color Guard earned Division 1 ratings along with the Soaring Eagle Marching Band in the fall. In the spring they competed in the Color Guard Circuit State Championship, where they brought home a 4th place trophy in the Dance Division, and 7th place overall.

**Cheerleaders** BHHS Cheerleaders placed 7th in UCA National Competition in the Large Varsity Game Day Division





# We can, We will!



**Kirsten Johnston State**  
Senior Kirsten Johnston was a 3-time State cross country qualifier, medaling in 2014, and a 2-time State track qualifier, finishing at 6th place in 2015 in the 3200m run. Kirsten signed with TCU for Cross Country and Track.



**Girls Cross Country State** Girls Varsity Cross Country team was District and Regional Champions, progressing to the State Meet where they placed 8th in Texas.



**Devin Manak State**  
Senior runner Devin Manak placed 3rd at District and was a state qualifier in Cross Country.



**Team Tennis Undefeated District Champs** Varsity Team Tennis (fall) was the Undefeated District Champion, earned 2nd place at Area tournament, and progressed to the Regional tournament.



**Girls Golf State** Girls Varsity Golf team, consisting of 3 freshman members, Sara Houthoofd, Aspen Theis, and Bethany Reid, along with junior Viviana Yzquierdo and senior Cheyenne Bell, placed 7th at the State tournament. This was the first-ever appearance at the State Golf tournament by an entire BH Golf team.



**Mixed Doubles State** Senior Shelby Fillingame and her late brother, freshman Garrett Fillingame, (both pictured below) were named Mixed Doubles Region 3A Champions and qualified for the State tournament. Barbers Hill was deeply saddened by the loss of Garrett as the result of an accident shortly after the Regional championship. Shelby, a 4-time District champion and 4-time First team All District player, was joined at the State tournament by Garrett's tennis doubles partner, senior Tyler Cauthen.



**Softball Undefeated District Champs** BH Softball team was the undefeated District Champion and progressed to the Regional Quarterfinals in playoffs.

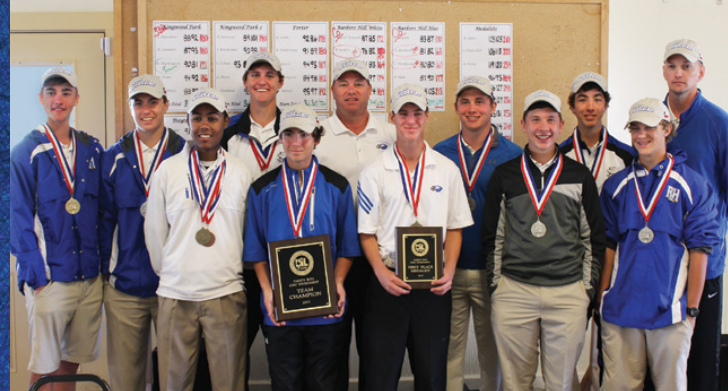






**Girls Varsity Swim Team District Champs** Girls Varsity Swim Team were District Champs and placed 6th at Regional competition. Freshman Lauren Gray was named the District 26-5A UIL Girl Athlete of the Year.

**Boys Golf District Champs** Boys Varsity Golf's two teams, Blue and White, tied as District Champions



**Girls Basketball Undefeated District Champs** Girls Varsity Basketball were the undefeated District Champs and progressed to the Regional Semifinals in playoffs.

## Eagles of the Year!



**Volleyball District Champs** Varsity Volleyball were Co-District Champs and Bi-District Champs, progressing to Area in playoffs.

Kirsten Johnston



Mason Furlong





## Principals of the Year



Barbers Hill High School Principal  
**RICK KANA**  
Secondary Principal of the Year



Barbers Hill Elementary School South Principal  
**SUE CHATHAM**  
Elementary Principal of the Year

## Teachers of the Year



Elementary School South  
**CHRISTINA WILBURN**  
Science, 4th grade  
Elementary Teacher of the Year



High School  
**FRANKIE VERNER**  
AP World History  
Secondary Teacher of the Year



## Multipurpose Facility

Barbers Hill Board of Trustees voted in 2014-15 to construct an indoor practice facility for use across athletic and extracurricular programs. The facility will be air conditioned and will measure 85 yards in length plus sidelines, with a dividing curtain to allow simultaneous practice by different groups. The Board cited student safety in heat and inclement weather as chief factors in their decision to add the facility to BHISD. The building is being constructed behind BHHS and is scheduled for completion in August, 2015.



## Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library

In 2014, officials with BHISD, the City of Mont Belvieu, and Chambers County worked together to propose a new public library facility that will benefit members of the Barbers Hill community and beyond. The new Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Library, named for Mont Belvieu's first mayor and his wife, Carmena, who served as a BH librarian and school board member for many years, began construction in spring, 2015, and is due for completion in the fall this year.





# Save *the* Dates

## Back to School

### Online Registration

Parent Assistance with  
Online Registration

### Onsite Registration

Employees' Students

Returning Students  
(includes New Kindergarten  
students)

New Students

### Drug Testing for Middle and High School Students

### Employee Convocation

## August 24

### July 15 - August 2

July 20 & 27, Middle School  
North, 8 am-7 pm

August 4, Location: All campuses,  
8:30 - 11:30 am

August 5, Location: All campuses,  
8:30-11 am & 1- 5 pm

August 6, Location: All campuses,  
Noon - 7 pm

August 10, Location: High School,  
8:30-11 am & 1-6 pm

August 11, Location: High School,  
Noon - 6 pm

August 6, Location: MS North Gym,  
Noon - 7 pm

August 17

## Eagle Launch Dates

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the district? It's all here!

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Date	Time	Campus	Event
August 12, 2015	6:00 pm	High School	Freshman Orientation
August 18, 2015	5:30 pm	Kindergarten Center	A-L students
August 18, 2015	6:15 pm	Kindergarten Center	M-Z students
August 18, 2015	6:15 pm	Primary School	A-L students
August 18, 2015	7:00 pm	Primary School	M-Z students
August 19, 2015	6:30-8:00 pm	ES North	All grades
August 19, 2015	6:00-7:30 pm	ES South	All grades
August 20, 2015	6:00-8:00 pm	MS North	All grades
August 20, 2015	6:00-8:00 pm	MS South	All grades



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# Back to School August 24

