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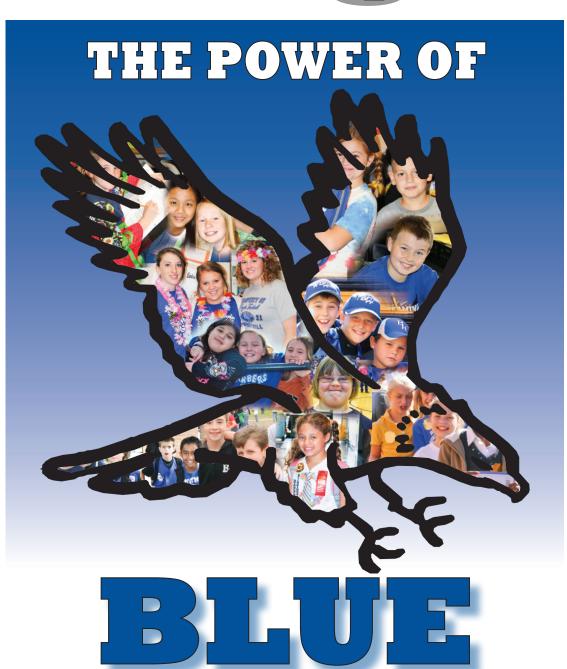
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A Tradition of Excellence . . . by any measure



## Superintendent's Welcome



My favorite track event is the relay. There is something about the handing of a baton by your teammate that elicits exceptional effort.

People would rather disappoint their own expectations than let the team down. Barbers Hill has been educating students since 1929 and it is one of the few districts that has maintained excellence throughout its long storied

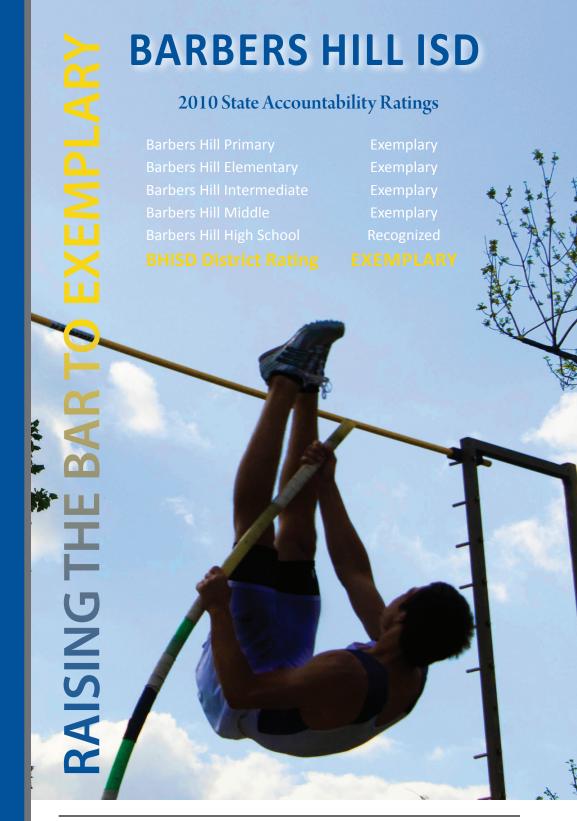
One of the drivers of this excellence is the determination of past and current leaders that the baton will not be dropped and that each graduating class will build on the past accomplishments and set the bar even higher. I am proud that the current staff and students are carrying on the proud traditions and excellence of "The Hill." The challenge for the upcoming school year is simple: Make a great district even better! We truly have one of the best districts in the state and I cannot imagine a better place where students could get a better education.

Here's to another great school year where we embrace the high expectations of our community and carry the baton forward.

Dr. Greg Poole

#### **BHISD VISION STATEMENT**

Barbers Hill ISD envisions academic excellence characterized by goaldriven, college/career ready graduates who are responsible, accountable, contributing members of society.



### **Barbers Hill**

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# SCHOOL BOARD CONNECTION



The 2010-2011 Board of Trustees awarded diplomas at Commencement cermonies in May. Front: Carmena Goss, President, Becky Tice, Vice President, Fred Skinner, George Barrera. Back: Benny May, Secretary, Cynthia Erwin, Ron Mayfield.



New Board member Cynthia Erwin was sworn in to office by Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia in May. "As the newest member of the Barbers Hill ISD Board of Trustees, I have seen from my very first day that teamwork is a major focus of our Board and their support team. That's what makes Barbers Hill such a great district," said Erwin.

Benny May has served 14 years on the BHISD Board of Trustees, as well as currently serving on the statewide TASB Board of Directors. But one of his favorite activities is mentoring at BH Elementary. "There is nothing better than watching children succeed, not just in school, but in life," May said.





Former Board President Fred Skinner said, "Absolutely the best part of being on the School Board is looking into the eyes of the graduating seniors as they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. Some eyes reflect the tension of being in front of so many, others sadness at the realization that their friends may never be together like this again, some pure joy in celebration of a lifetime achievement, and others show the resolve to complete this step and move to the next. It's a reminder of what we are about. "











# TECHNOLOGY + PLUS

## **Barbers Hill ISD Tech Department**

Asst. Superintendent of Technology

James Banks

Webmaster

Bill Mansel

Secretary

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**Network Manager** 

Tim LeBlanc

Instructional Technologist

Suzie Wilburn

**Instructional Technologist** 

Alicia Brooks

**PEIMS Coordinator** 

Angela Swart

District Technician

Rodgers Cochran

**High School Technician** 

Angela Bradshaw

Middle School Technician

Susan Bell

Intermediate School Technician

Valerie Hull



The Technology Department is a team of professionals committed to providing students the best educational experience possible. Pictured from back, left: Rodgers Cochran, James Banks, Alicia Brooks, Bill Mansel, Tim LeBlanc. Front: Suzie . Wilburn, Susan Bell, Angela Bradshaw and Valerie Hull. Not pictured: Angela Swart and Serena Smesny.

ust weeks ago, Assistant Superintendent of Technology James Banks received a phone call from Massachusetts. A school district

there was beginning a laptop program, and the technology director heard that Barbers Hill ISD was the place for answers.

For Banks and his Technology Department, being a role model for other districts - and even other states - is a frequent honor. It's also a by-product of a strong commitment to excellence.

"Our goal is provide the best educational experience to students so they can succeed in whatever field they choose," said Banks. "The ways students learn have changed, and the ways they will use what they learn have changed. We want to do the very best we can to meet the needs of 21st century students."



The Barbers Hill "one-to-one" laptop program (meaning a laptop for each student) began with 7th and 8th graders six years ago. Today it has expanded to include every







student in grades 6-12 and all staff - a program encompassing nearly 3000 laptops.

The department's areas of expertise have expanded along with the program. Full-time technicians are now located on the three laptop-enabled campuses. Spare parts are stocked and used to replace worn out components. Hard drives are re-imaged by trained students every summer, and recently, a second instructional technologist and full-time webmaster were added to the staff.

By utilizing these and other resources, the department has been able to stretch district technology dollars and extend the life of each fleet of laptops, including the original Gateways purchased in 2004. Even now, as those refurbished

models head into retirement, they are benefiting the district through auction (see bhisd.net).

"We want to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars," said Banks. "One of the ways we do that is through the auction site. It has really grown in popularity and offers a great opportunity for community members to obtain laptops at an affordable price, as well as for the district to recoup costs."

This year, part of the Dell fleet of laptops is being refurbished for staff, and 9th and 10th grade students will be issued new Hewlett Packard laptops. The following year, 11th and 12th graders will receive new HP laptops as the remainder of Dells are refurbished for use or sale.





## for Students

- 1. Remember that the technology is there for educational purposes. Use it wisely.
- 2. Take good care of the equipment. It will be with you for a long time (students are re-issued the same laptop every year).
- 3. Follow the rules of the program.

## Tech Tips for Parents

You are an integral part of the technology program. We encourage you to ask questions, see what your student is doing on his/her laptop, and be involved in this facet of their education.







# **Meet the** Eagle Coaches

# Eagles r





John Leonard Volleyball



I am extremely excited as I enter my first year as the Athletic Director and head football coach. From the first time I stepped on campus until now, I have grown to understand the importance of excellence and striving to be the best we can be. The community's focus on the school district and our students is tremendous and it makes me proud to be part of the Barbers Hill School District.



Deann Fudge Cross Country Track



Athletic Director Ronnie Gage

The Barbers Hill Blue and White epitomize a proud and strong school district as well as integrity, loyalty, work ethic, and pride, which are our foundation. Each student athlete who has graduated from Barbers Hill has had some part in building this remarkable tradition. I am proud of our athletes and coaches, and we are ready to help lead and continue to build on that pride that makes Barbers Hill a district above the rest.

As we get close to the beginning of the school year, excitement is growing. We ask for your support not only for our staff, but also for the administration, the best teachers in the state, and especially our students and athletes. Win, Lose or Draw, you will always get our best and you won't be disappointed with our efforts.



Tyler Thames **Tennis** 



Excellence ... By Any Measure!





Kari Sager Swimming



John Hill Trainer



Tyron Lee Boys Basketball





For all sports schedules, visit our website, bhisd.net, and click "Athletics" on the toolbar



## **Varsity Football 2010**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug 20	Pasadena Memorial Scrimmage	Home	7:00
Aug 27	Santa Fe	Home	7:00
Sep 3	Lumberton	Away	7:30
Sep 10	Nederland	Home	7:00
Sep 17	Open		
Sep 24	Dayton	Away	7:00
Oct 1	Baytown Lee	Home	7:00
Oct 8	North Forest	Away	7:00
Oct 15	C.E. King (Hmcmg)	Home	7:00
Oct 22	Galena Park	Away	7:00
Oct 29	GC Memorial (Sr. Nt.)	Home	7:00
Nov 5	Crosby	Away	7:00

# ROFBLUE

# Meet the Eagle Coaches

Kit Kyle-Martin Girls Athletic Coordinator, Girls Basketball



David Denny Baseball



Perri Smith Softball



Jamey Horn Golf



Dwayne Nunez Boys Track



Stacy Sparks Girls Track



# DAGDINSIDER

News and Views from the top of the Hill

## **Assistant Superintendent of Planning and Operations**



Stan Frazier

arbers Hill Planning and Operations Departments have been preparing vigorously this summer for the return of our faculty and staff. Preparations have been underway all summer to facilitate our district's quest of being the best in the state.

Our custodial staff has worked hard assisting with summer school and deep

cleaning of all buildings, as well as refinishing gym floors. The Transportation Department assisted with summer school, made preparations for bus routing schedules, as well as serviced and inspected all busses and fleet vehicles. Maintenance personnel have been busy all summer preparing instructional facilities for the upcoming year by completing work orders and preventative maintenance schedules. Our Grounds personnel have been preparing athletic fields for the upcoming season as well as maintaining grounds on all campuses.

Numerous capital improvement projects are also underway or in design phase to accommodate our increasing enrollment, as well as rehabilitation of older building systems. The "power of blue" is alive and well in BHISD and we look forward to another great year of providing service to our stakeholders in the tradition of excellence.

### **Assistant Superintendent of Finance**



John Koonce

n 2009-10, a \$250 million Property ■ Value Limitation Agreement was negotiated by the district with Enterprise Products for the construction of a new fractionator unit at their Mont Belvieu plant site. The new unit will enhance the tax base of BHISD in the future, and it reflects continued capital investment in the district

and the state of Texas as a whole. The facility will employ hundreds of construction workers and numerous full-time employees, contributing to the economic well-being of our community.

As mentioned elsewhere in Eagle i, the Barbers Hill Education Foundation was founded in 2009-10 to provide an opportunity for community members and industry leaders to make tax-deductible donations to an organization whose mission is to enrich the education of Barbers Hill youngsters.

In 2010, the district also purchased over 300 acres of land east of and adjacent to the current school site to prepare for future expansion.

For the eighth consecutive year, our district received the State's highest rating of "Superior Achievement" under T.E.A.'s financial accountability rating system ("FIRST"). A public hearing to discuss the district's rating will be held on September 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the C. T. Joseph Conference Center.



### **Assistant Superintendent** of Personnel



Barbara Ponder

XCELLENCE.....SU-PERIOR.....QUAL-ITY. All of these adjectives define Barbers Hill and the traditions we hold dear. I am confident "Eagle Pride" will again be evident as we begin a new year

with a renewed commitment to success. The Personnel Department has had an

exciting summer planning for the upcoming school year and hiring outstanding staff members.

Within the education field, Barbers Hill is synonymous with excellence; just ask the people who want a job

here! This past spring, we had over 4,000 applicants for the jobs posted. There will be 60 new professionals and 3 new paraprofessionals joining the BH Family this school year. We welcome each of them and know they will quickly make a positive contribution to the success of our district. We also want to acknowledge our school board for their continued support in allowing us to recruit and retain such outstanding candidates.

Once again we can report that 100% of our teachers are Highly Qualified in accordance with NCLB (No Child Left Behind) standards for the 2009-2010 school year. Additionally, 100% of our teachers received high-quality professional development in accordance with NCLB standards. We congratulate all of our teachers for meeting and exceeding the level of quality required at the local, state, and national levels.

Several administrative positions have been filled. Ronnie Gage joined us as our new Athletic Director, and Kevin Stone was named Head Band Director for the district. Fred Cappadona will serve as the new Assistant Principal at Barbers Hill Elementary. He replaces Mary Cummings, who is now the Coordinator for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction. At Central Office, we hired Stephanie Gage to serve as Director of Auxiliary Services. She will focus on student health issues and employee wellness programs, as well as working with community and county services to assist students and families. We congratulate and welcome all our new employees and look forward to the success that awaits faculty and students in the coming school year. Look for the "Power of Blue" to make an impact!

# BAGDINSIDER

## Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction





Sandra Duree

xciting things are happening in the Curriculum and Instruction department!
This summer, teams of teachers worked diligently to develop or revise curriculum that will move us forward in our quest for excellence! The Science team worked to incorporate the new TEKS in the district scope and sequence. Science teachers can look forward to a "new and improved" scope and

sequence that addresses the increase in hands-on activities. Curriculum writers have used the most recent TAKS scores to identify the most critical areas and have included resources that will support teachers in their daily instruction.

The Math team has worked to revise the Scope and Sequence based on current data trends. All grade levels will have curriculum available in the D2SC system for easy access. Six week exams will help measure and ensure the progress of each student throughout the school year.

The Language Arts team attended a workshop together led by assessment expert, Margaret Kilgo. This workshop provided an overview of the importance of an organized and comprehensive curriculum. The team worked all summer to incorporate the new TEKS, a recommended sequence, and the new textbooks in a comprehensive scope and sequence that will guide Language Arts instruction in BHISD.

It's an exciting time to be part of this outstanding district with a strong past and a bright future. Our efforts in the Curriculum and Instruction department have helped us achieve an Exemplary status and our focus is already on preparing our students for the new state assessment requirements that will arrive in 2012! Barbers Hill teachers, working together for the common good, certainly exemplify the Power of Blue!

# Assistant Superintendent of Technology





Iames Banks

his year will see continued growth in a number of programs that have become a major part of our technology initiatives at Barbers Hill Independent School District. These include the laptop program, parent access portals to provide student information on demand, staff web-based resources, and student learning software. This past spring also brought about the introduction of

netbooks for all sixth grade students to provide access to more learning resources. We have also added ELMO's and projectors in most of our elementary classrooms to support teacher curriculum.

As this year begins, we plan to introduce some changes to existing programs and add some new technologies. As an example, all students in grades six through twelve will be receiving school-issued email accounts that will allow for more efficient and safer communication. We hope to see an expansion of our school auction site offerings to include materials from all areas across the district, and we have implemented a new training program for teachers called ACES (Advanced Computer Educational Symposium) that we hope will provide more opportunities for staff training. To support this, we are also expanding our instructional staff.

You will also be seeing some significant changes to our district website which we hope will make it more user-friendly. And last, we are also exploring the possibility of creating an academy for middle and high school students to prepare them to participate in a national technology conference in Dallas, Texas next June.

We hope this will be a great year for everyone!



# Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services



Gayle Woodall

he learning never ends in Barbers
Hill. Our continued pursuit of excellence requires it! Students and teachers alike have continued their learning this summer. Summer academic programs

served almost 300 students during the months of June and July. Computer and

athletic camps kept several hundred others focused and fit. More than 500 teachers, administrators, and support staff participated in professional development sessions in the district throughout the summer, while many others continued their learning in graduate school and off-site learning sessions. This focus on continuous learning for continuous improvement is what sets us apart.

We hope you share our pride in our recent academic recognitions. We appreciate and embrace the high expectations that our stakeholders hold for us. We strive everyday to be the very best school district in the state for our students, parents, and

community. Congratulations to our campuses for setting and reaching the highest goals. The hard work and commitment put forth by our students and staff is second to none!

We encourage you to stay connected to our school district. Log on to our web site often for the latest information on school activities, student accomplishments and sports scores. Volunteer in our schools. Visit us on Twitter. Keep up with us in the local newspapers. Attend our extracurricular events and beam with pride when our Eagles soar to victory or display enviable character in defeat. Be a part of the power of the blue and white!

Kevin Stone Director of Bands



Fred Cappadona Assistant Principal BH Elementary



Stephanie Gage Director of **Auxiliary Services** 



Mary Cummings Coordinator of Elementary Curriculum



Becky Johnson Director of Operations

### 2009 Distinguished Alumni



2009 Distinguished Alumni Gordon Speer and Missy Malechek, and Honorary Éagle Eloice Jordan (center) were recognized at District Convocation in August 2009.

## 2010 Distinguished Alumni

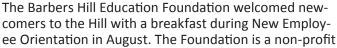
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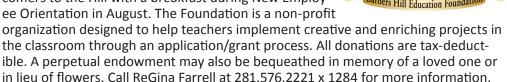
## 2010 Honorary Eagle

Carmena Goss

The Barbers Hill faculty and staff will recognize the 2010 Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Eagle at District Convocation on Thursday, August 12, 2010. In its second year, the Distinguished Alumni program recognizes graduates of Barbers Hill ISD and other significant individuals who have made lasting contributions to the district, the community, and society as a whole.

### **CULTIVATING RESOURCES ... ENHANCING EDUCATION**





## **TAKS DATES 2011**

#### March 1

Reading - grade 9 Writing - grades 4, 7 ELA - grades 10, 11 April 4

Math - grades 5, 8 April 5

Reading - grades 5, 8

April 26 Math - grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 10

April 27

Reading - grades 3, 4, 6, 7 Math - grade 11

April 28 Science - grades 5, 8, 10, 11

Math - grade 9 April 29

Soc. Studies - grades 8, 10, 11

## Where can I find?

School Supply Lists - Campus offices, local stores, or visit bhisd.net, scroll to "Important Links," click "School Supplies."

Sports Schedules - bhisd.net, click "Athletics," click on name of sport

Campus Information - Call 281.576.2221 or visit bhisd.net, scroll to "Schools," click the school name

Student Information- bhisd.net, click on "Family Access" (avail. Aug. 23), enter password

**Bus Route information - Call** 

281.576.2221 or visit bhisd.net. click on "Departments," then "Planning/Operations," then "Transportation."

# Principals of the Year



Elementary Principal of the Year

## Sue Chatham

Campus: Barbers Hill

Elementary

Years in education: 30

Years at BH: 2 **Graduated from:** 

Bachelor's - Texas A&M Master's – University of Hous-

ton Clear Lake

"My favorite part of my job is working with children, staff, and parents who are fun to be with and who believe in the tradition of excellence everyday! "

-Sue Chatham



Secondary Principal of the Year

## Tom Holland

Campus: Barbers Hill High School

Years in education: 35 Years at Barbers Hill: 8

**Graduated from:** 

Bachelor's - Lamar University Master's - University of Houston Clear Lake

"My favorite part of my job is the challenge of building a successful team with the multi-faceted High School. We work together to help students succeed - academically and in all extra-curricular activities. With student success as the ultimate goal, two of my proudest moments are coaching the 1987 State Championship Boys 5A Basketball team to an undefeated season, and the 100% araduation rate with the 2010 Barbers Hill senior class."

-Tom Holland

# Secondary Teacher of the Year Courtney Nunez



Courtney Nunez, 8th-grade pre-Algebra teacher at Barbers Hill Middle, explains the details of a laptop project to students. Mrs. Nunez has been in education for 6 years: 4 at the college level and 2 at Barbers Hill.

Editor's note: A printing error resulted in Courtney Nunez' Teacher of the Year information being cut short in our May newsletter. Our apologies, Courtney, and thank you for your outstanding contributions to Barbers Hill!

#### I graduated from:

Marshall University in Huntington, WV, with both Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

#### My family:

My husband's name is Dwayne Nunez. We have two beautiful daughters, Emma Elizabeth, who is five, and Erin Anne, who just turned three.

#### My hobbies:

Photography, traveling, and spending time with my family.

#### **Favorite student activity:**

Using interactive technology in the classroom. In our department, we have the use of various forms of technology, including clickers. This allows us to play games, review, prepare for exams, and check homework in class while each student is using their clicker. I also enjoy doing projects with my students. In math we do projects that apply mathematics skills to life outside of the classroom. I enjoy the "ah ha" moments when the students connect what they are learning to what they do and will do outside of the classroom.

#### What do students need most in a teacher today?

Today's students need teachers to provide structure, consistency, and reinforcement. They need teachers to offer encouragement and praise but also offer constructive feedback when necessary. Students need teachers to instill in them the necessary skills to be successful and face life's challenges. I want my students to know I am proud of them and that their best effort is what I expect in my classroom. I want the lessons they learn in my classroom to help prepare them for future success.

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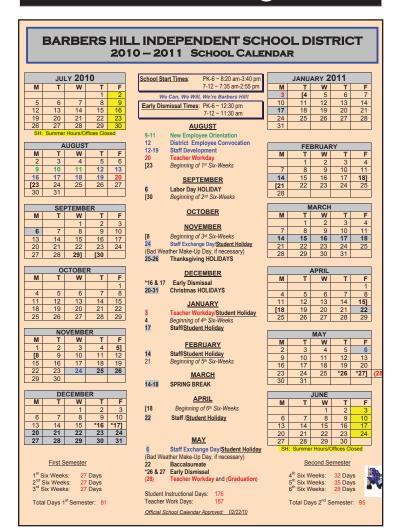
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# School starts August 23



# **EAGLE**LAUNCH

Save the Date

#### Kindergarten Center

Pre-K, KTG - Thurs., August 19, 6:00 p.m.

### Primary School

1st Grade - Tues., August 17, 5:30 p.m.

2nd Grade - Wed., August 18, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Elementary School**

3rd Grade - Tues., August 17, 6:30 p.m.

4th Grade - Wed., August 18, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Intermediate School**

5th Grade - Mon., August 16, 7:00 p.m.

6th Grade - Mon., August 16, 5:30 p.m.

#### Middle School

7th Grade - Thurs., August 19, 6:30 p.m. (at High School Auditorium)

#### "FISH" Camp

9th Grade - Wed., August 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



your Teacher!

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