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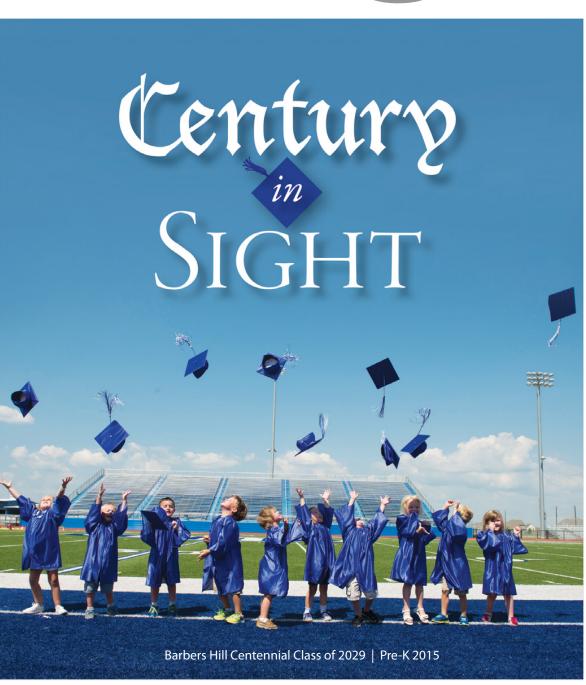
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A Tradition of Excellence...by any measure

BARBERS HALL

A Century in Sight!



Dr. Greg Poole Superintendent

I recently was given a set of contacts with very different prescription strengths. My optometrist, Dr. Diane Gregory, actually did this on purpose. Evidently, the different strengths allow those with lessthan-young eyesight

to use one eye to see close and one to see far. What a joy to not have to be Stretch Armstrong to focus on what I'm trying to read!

Focus is a word we use frequently at Barbers Hill, and in fact, our theme for this year is Century in Sight. This year's Pre-K students will be graduating in 2029, which will be our centennial year. Since 1929, Barbers Hill has been a state leader. In fact, someone recently brought me a silver trophy bought in an estate sale, commemorating Barbers Hill's winning of an Academic UIL competition two years in a row in the 1930s. For the record, currently we have won District Sweepstakes in UIL Academic competition for a record 19 years in a row.

Our centennial milestone will be here before we know it, and it is an appropriate time to celebrate in reflection and to focus on those ingredients of pride, tradition, and excellence that will maintain our state-leading status.

Much like the pre-cable days of slightly moving the UHF and VHF dials on your TV to bring in a clear picture (yes, once again I'm dating myself), our school board and staff are committed to making the needed adjustments for a clear vision. Our century year of existence is in sight and for those on the hill, it's a beautiful, exciting, and focused view!

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.

Back to School August 24

Open House Dates

Kindergarten Center Grades PreK-K	October 22	5:30 - 7:30 pm
Primary School Grade 1	October 8	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Elementary School North Grades 2-5	October 5	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Elementary School South Grades 2-5	October 5	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Middle School North Grades 6-8	September 21	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Middle School South Grades 6-8	September 21	6:00 – 7:30 pm
High School Grades 9-12	September 14	6:30 – 8:00 pm



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Curt Ball BHHS Class of 1942



Barbers Hill Class of 1942 Salutatorian Henry Curtis "Curt" Ball has represented our school district with honor throughout his 90 years. Mr. Ball is a decorated veteran of World War 2, and his career as a mechanical engineer with ExxonMobil for 36 years was equally filled with state and national awards, along with educational and civic recognitions.

Married for 68 years to fellow Barbers Hill graduate Marty Spillers, Class of 1945, Curt says that his greatest accomplishment in life by far was convincing Marty to marry him. After that, he feels that the professional awards which are most meaningful to him are the ones "received because of true accomplishments toward making life better for people."

In the 1930s, Barbers Hill coach and science teacher Manton Ellis guided Mr. Ball as a young teen toward what would become a successful career as a mechanical engineer.

"Coach Ellis helped me to discover that it was very satisfying to find the reason for things," said Mr. Ball. "I was very curious about how things worked. He was a good teacher, and a good coach. He taught us to play hard but honest, and to never quit."



Being a part of the 1940 and 1941 Bi-District football teams (the highest our district could achieve at the time) was a highlight of his high school years. Curt graduated at age 16 and

wanted to join his brothers in the military

during World War 2, but his parents required a year of college first. He entered Texas A&M, completed his first year, then volunteered for the Army infantry in 1943.

"I was suited up and ready to go to Europe when a change of orders came in, and I was shipped to the Pacific theater instead," said Mr. Ball

He served there until he was severely injured in close combat in the Battle of Okinawa. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant, having earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Curt returned to Texas A&M, he and Marty married, and he completed his Bachelor's degree in 1949. At A&M, Mr. Ball was a member of the Scholarship Honor Society and the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Scholarship Association, graduating in the top 20% of his class. He and Marty were honored by the university in August this year as Endowed Century Club donors. Mr. Ball was employed at ExxonMobil for 36 years, where he worked in both technical and supervisory positions, retiring in 1986 as an Engineering Associate. During his time with ExxonMobil,



he represented the company in national societies such as the American Petroleum Institute, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American National Standards Institute, and the Board of Boiler Rules for the Texas Dept. of Labor

and Standards. He earned numerous recognitions in these national and state organizations for his work in the field of piping standards and refinery equipment safety and design.

Following his retirement, Mr. Ball formed a Quality Assurance/Quality Control business with national and global clients. His work took him to regions of western Europe, Scandinavia, and Romania, as well as Asia.

In the midst of a successful career, Curt served on numerous civic boards for the City of Baytown, Goose Creek CISD, Baytown Chamber of Commerce, and Boy Scouts. He has been a member of Memorial Baptist Church for 65 years, and a deacon and Sunday School teacher for many of those years. He and Marty were privileged to be part of the vision of local Southern Baptists to acquire and develop Lake Tomahawk Baptist Encampment, serving as original signers for the note, and continuing as donors since. In 2011, they received the President's Award from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, for their outstanding service throughout the years.

Curt and Marty reside in Baytown and are the parents of two daughters: Robin Ball Tomkins (deceased) and Laurie Ball Chilelli, and a son, Joel Ball. They have five grandchildren and are awaiting their first great grandchild this year.



2015 Honorary Eagle J. Justin Jenson **Barbers Hill ISD**

Superintendent 1932-1955

Jesse Justin Jenson served as the second and the longest-acting superintendent in the history of Barbers Hill ISD. Born in 1897 near Waco, he served in World War 1 for a brief time. After his enlistment, he returned to Texas and married Helen Rohne, and the couple had three children: Eugene, Myron, and Junelle, all eventual graduates of Barbers Hill in the Classes of 1937, 1941, and 1947, respectively.

J. Justin Jenson served

the students and families of Barbers Hill for 23 years, from 1932 to 1955. He carried the district of Barbers Hill through the Depression era, World War 2, gas and food rationing, war bond stamps, days of limited transportation, and only one telephone to serve the entire district. In spite of the cultural odds, Supt. Jenson helped lay a foundation of educational excellence and community involvement in Barbers Hill Independent School District that still continues today. For more information on Supt. Jenson's service, visit bhisd.net, Community, then Distinguished Alumni, Honorary Eagles. In 2015, we name J. Justin

Jenson posthumously as a Barbers Hill Honorary Eagle. May we continue the rich tradition of learning and the deep value of community that he wisely shaped during the first two decades of this great district.



Planning and Operations Update

Stan Frazier, Asst. Supt. of Planning and Operations



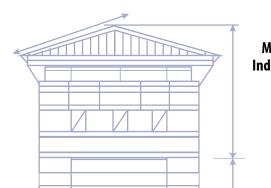
New horizons will greet students and faculty in BHISD this fall with the addition of a 12,500 sq. ft. onsite community library and a 57,000 sq. ft. multipurpose indoor practice facility.

On the northeast corner of the high school property, at the intersection of the newly-commissioned "John Hall Drive" and Wilburn Ranch Road, is the new Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library. The library is the culmination of a successful joint venture involving the City of Mont Belvieu, Chambers County and BHISD. The fall opening of the library will enhance reading initiatives throughout the year for all students, as well as for the community. It will feature reading areas for children, teens and adults, and will also include a study area and meeting room of almost 1,000 sq. ft.

The new Multipurpose Indoor Practice Facility will provide over 57,000 sq. ft. of air-conditioned, artificial turf practice space for extracurricular activities. This will provide a safe practice environment during inclement weather conditions for multiple extracurricular organizations. A movable partition will allow multiple groups to use the facility simultaneously throughout the year.

The district has also replaced ten older school buses without air conditioning with ten new buses with air conditioning to facilitate all route buses having air conditioning. This was part of the 2013 bond. Additionally, this summer has seen Middle School North receive numerous classroom, theater, library, gym and building improvements. These include new carpet, paint, LED lighting, and replacement of all original classroom doors. Metal buildings have also been renovated at the Transportation Center, Warehouse, Grounds and Middle School football athletic equipment storage sites.

The Operations, Transportation, Grounds, Capital Projects and Maintenance staffs have all worked diligently this summer to prepare for and support the district's mission of excellence in education! We look forward to and reflect back with pride on a "Century in Sight" and the great accomplishments and heritage of this outstanding, tradition-rich school district.



Multipurpose Indoor Practice Facility Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library







Barbers Hill: Soaring in Academics

Sandra Duree, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum and Instruction



Great things are happening in Barbers Hill ISD where excellence is an expectation! Our quest for excellence is evident in everything we do, especially in the area of academics. This summer, we have been busily preparing for the upcoming school

year. We have hosted summer book clubs, a robotics camp, and a rocket camp to provide exciting and engaging opportunities for our students.

Teachers have attended countless professional development sessions across the state to ensure that our students are provided the highest quality education. Over 75 of those professional development sessions were hosted in BHISD to provide specific tools and strategies for teachers as they educate and inspire our students. Curriculum writers have been making adjustments to our district curriculum to facilitate both vertical and horizontal alignment. Administrators have analyzed district data to determine strengths and focus areas for the year. All in all, we are very excited about the coming year and look forward to our continued academic success.

We continue to work with local industry to develop a pathway for BHISD students to take courses that will prepare them for the hundreds of jobs we anticipate in the next

five years due to expansion initiatives in industry. We now offer Process Technology, Welding, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) courses which are all supported by local businesses. Junior Achievement volunteers are also involved in BHISD to increase awareness of the many career choices available to our students. This is particularly helpful as students select an "endorsement" for high school which points their educational experience toward various

It is a great time to be an Eagle and we invite and encourage you to be actively involved! Kindergarten through Middle School campuses hosted or will host an Eagle Launch prior to the first day of school in order to familiarize students and parents with the campus. The High School provided a Fish Camp for incoming freshmen to facilitate a successful transition to their new campus. Later this fall, each school will host an Open House where parents can see firsthand the great things going on in classrooms. I encourage you to attend each of these important events with your child.

In addition, there are volunteer and mentor programs where community members may share their time and expertise to help individual students and support the great things going on throughout the district. I encourage you to get involved and invest in this great school district where excellence is our tradition!





Melanny Hernandez 1173 AR points, Top in District





Financing Excellence

Becky McManus, Asst. Superintendent of Finance

Barbers Hill ISD's



heritage is rich in tradition and excellence and I am proud that the BHISD Finance Department has played a part in that tradition of excellence through our commitment to serving the needs of Barbers Hill students, staff and

community! The Finance Department is responsible for developing and implementing the district's approximately \$68 million budget and managing investments. In addition, the Finance Department oversees the daily transactions of the district including tax collections, banking, employee payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, financial reporting, public education information management (PEIMS), and federal and state grant administration. Our department also manages bond funds, including the 2013 bond that passed by the highest margin in the state, which are used for the construction and renovation of new schools and support facilities. These projects ensure that the educational needs of our students are met, as well as that most important responsibility, that our students and employees have a safe and secure environment to learn and work.

BHISD has maintained the state's highest rating of "Superior Achievement" under TEA's financial accountability rating system ("FIRST") since TEA established the rating system in 2002. This accomplishment would not be possible without the support and guidance of our Board of Trustees. Their vision of a unique, progressive district has allowed our Finance Department to enhance and protect our assets for the benefit of our students and taxpayers.

Although not in the Finance Department, the BHISD Education Foundation plays an important role in our district. Established by Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole in 2010, the BHISD Education Foundation may be a newcomer to the Hill, but it has secured its place in our tradition of excellence. The Foundation's endowment fund exceeded \$10 million this year and will not only allow the Foundation to carry out its mission to enhance educational opportunities for Barbers Hill students...it will continue to do so for generations to come! As the Foundation grows, our students will reap the benefit through grants that fund innovative learning projects at every grade level. In fact, since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$250,000 in teaching grants to BHISD teachers. You can find out more about the BHISD Education Foundation at www.bhisd.net.



Donations given to **BHISD Education Foundation** each year since the Foundation's inception.

2010	\$10,920
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2011 **\$29,320 TOTAL**

2014 **\$75,000**

2012 **\$60,200** \$250,440 2013 **\$75,000**

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The STAAR Report for Barbers Hill ISD

All campuses and the district "Met Standard"

Four Distinction Awards were earned:

BH Middle School South:

Academic Achievement in Social Studies, 8th grade

BH High School:

Top 25% Student Progress

Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps Top 25% Post Secondary Readiness

Community and Student Engagement Rating: **Exemplary**

2014-15 STAAR Data by Subject

ENG 1 EOC

ENG 2 EOC

US HIST EOC

BIO EOC

dard Grades 3-8
92%
96%
82%
92%
94%
dard Grades 9-12
96%

90%

93%

99%

100%















Ready for an Exciting Year

Barbara Ponder, Asst. Supt. of Personnel



As we prepare for our new year with a "Century in Sight," I am once again reminded of the district's steadfast focus on excellence. The achievements we celebrate each year are thanks to our exceptional

team of educators who pride themselves in providing a superb culture for learning. With the transition behind us and our first full year completed with zoning, I want to again commend all employees on their great attitude and commitment to providing the very best educational experience for our students regardless of whether they are north or south. A big "Thank You" to all staff members for exhibiting a positive outlook on these changes and new opportunities!

As you all know....we are growing! We will begin the year with more than 700 total employees...WOW! The Personnel Department has had a busy summer working with campus principals and directors to hire new staff members. There will be 61 new professionals and 25 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. I also want to acknowledge our school

board members for their continued support in allowing us to recruit and retain such outstanding candidates.

Our teachers have been busy over the summer attending staff development sessions to learn and grow as educators. Once again we can report that 100% of our teachers are Highly Qualified in accordance with NCLB (No Child Left Behind) standards for the 2015-16 school year, and have met or exceeded the federal requirements for professional development. We congratulate all of our teachers for meeting and exceeding the level of quality required at the local, state, and national levels. I also want to commend our Curriculum & Instruction Department and Technology Department for providing such a comprehensive list of professional development sessions for our staff to attend.

As I begin my 24th year at Barbers Hill, I am continually reminded of what makes us unique. There is an unwavering dedication and loyalty to our students. This commitment resides within the hearts and minds of our staff and community, and communicates our vision to the students in our district. We congratulate and welcome our new employees and look forward to the success that awaits faculty and students in the coming school year. I know our "Tradition of Excellence" will be evident in all that we do during the upcoming school year. Welcome Back!





Technology: Real World...Real Results

Katie Russell, Director of Technology



Barbers Hill ISD has been nationally recognized by Google for being the first school district in Texas to implement the full Google solution which consists of Chromebooks, Tablets, Google Apps for Education and Google Play for Education. The collab-

orative nature of Google Apps for Education is one of the main benefits for education as the sharing and simultaneous editing of documents between students and teachers is as easy as the click of a button. The "always accessible" feature of Google Apps for Education, whether at school, at home, out of town or anywhere there is Wi-Fi is a benefit to all. Implementing the Google solution has been a fiscally conservative initiative as well, creating the rare combination of progress and financial efficiency.

As BHISD continues to move forward with the Google solution throughout the district, we have witnessed amazing learning experiences at all grade levels. Since putting Nexus7 tablets in all PreK – 3rd grade classrooms, we have seen so much excitement from the students and from the teachers. There is an enormous selection of free apps for use in every subject area and teachers

and students are finding which ones are producing the best learning results with each use.

Chromebooks are being used by students from grades four through twelve. School year 2015-2016 will bring classroom sets of Chromebooks to both middle schools to replace the traditional laptops that have been in use. Chromebooks allow for quick access to online textbooks and online resources which assist with instructional time being maximized. Chromebooks are an always-on, always-connected device keeping boot-up time to a minimum.

High School is beginning its third year of Chromebook use in its classrooms. More sets of Chromebooks will be added due to math textbook adoption and other needs on that campus.

School year 2014-2015 provided many opportunities for the Technology department to share with other school districts what Barbers Hill ISD is doing with Google and Android devices. Global information-sharing is a benefit to everyone in order to focus on best practices with Google Apps for Education in the educational setting.

As we move into the 2015-2016 school year, we anticipate a more global learning environment via technology for our students and for our teachers. In regards to technol ogy, it is vital that we live in the students' world in order for them to learn at their highest level and be prepared for a career after their school experience.











BARBERS HILL EAGLES 2015 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	
Fri.	Aug. 28	Silsbee	Home	7:30
Fri.	Sept. 4	Little Cypress-Mauriceville	Away	7:30
Fri.	Sept.11	Crosby *	Home	7:00
Fri.	Sept. 18	Dayton*	Away	7:00
Fri.	Sept. 25	New Caney *	Home	7:00
Fri.	Oct. 2	Porter *	Away	7:00
Fri.	Oct. 9	C. E. King * (Homecoming)	Home	7:00
Fri.	Oct. 16	0pen		
Sat.	Oct. 24	Humble *	Away	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 30	Galena Park * (Parent Night)	Home	7:00
Sat.	Nov. 7	Kingwood Park *	Away	2:00

^{*} Denotes District 21-5A Games



A New Sports Season



Ronnie Gage, Athletic Director

I am excited as we enter the 2015-2016 school year. The excitement of a new year is always motivating and brings with it new expectations and new goals. The colors of blue and white embrace a proud tradition, full of memories and emotions that help define this tremendous school district. Our responsibility as coaches and players is to carry on the legacy of those who have come and gone, and to reinforce the tradition that is Barbers Hill. We are committed to lead with our efforts and to

continue to build the pride that makes Barbers Hill a district above the rest.

As always, our athletes have trained hard in preparation for the upcoming school year. As in past years, we will work to be the best and always strive to reach a high standard of excellence. We will continue to emphasize the importance of Attitude, Integrity, Loyalty, Accountability, and Pride. We not only want to be recognized for our efforts on the field or in the arena, but also outside these areas. Our student athletes will understand the importance of an education and that priorities begin in the classroom. We hope that the leadership of our athletes and coaching staff will set a precedent for others to follow.

I would like to congratulate our senior class of 2014-15 for the legacy they left behind. Their accomplishments were numerous and they left us a better place.

We are fortunate to be in a school district with a supportive administration, teachers who care for the welfare of each student, and student athletes who are committed to being the best. In preparing for this new school year we ask for your continued support. Our commitment to you is to coach your son or daughter hard and to love them along the way. We will always give you our best, and our goal is that you won't be disappointed with our efforts. Go Eagles!!!

Meet Chris Pennington

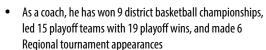
Boys Basketball Head Coach

Graduate of: Emerson High School, Southern Arkansas University B.S. in Education/Health



Championship titles:

Coach Pennington won two 1991 State Champion titles in track during his high school years, in the 800m run and the 1600m relay.



- Garnered 404 varsity basketball coaching wins
- Named District Coach of the Year 9 times
- Named Texarkana Gazette Coach of the Year 3 times

Family: Married to Stacy Pennington for 18 years. (Stacy is the computer technician at Middle School South.) They have one son, Bryce, who will be a 6th grader at Middle School South. Coach Pennington's dad just retired after 34 years of coaching and was inducted into the Arkansas Coaches Hall of Fame in July. Chris' brother, Scotty, is the Head Coach at Lake Hamilton High School in Hot Springs, AR.

About joining BH: I am extremely excited to become a part of BHISD! I have been very impressed with the administration and coaching staff at Barbers Hill. I was fortunate enough to move to Mont Belvieu the first of July, and have gotten to know my basketball players a little before school starts. Our basketball players have been playing all summer in open gym, and also in the Lee College league. I am ready to put a team of Eagles on the basketball court that the community of Barbers Hill will be proud of!

Collaboration... Forming Bright Futures

Sue Garcia, Student Services

The 2015-2016 school year will usher in multiple foundational programs to build student opportunities in Special Services for this century. We are excited about initiating on-site adaptive physical education programming, bilingual assessment service, and increased support for our secondary students with Dyslexia.



To our parents and community we would like to send out a heartfelt "THANK YOU!" for continuing to help facilitate high-caliber seminars in our district. Last year our network of collaboration organized the first Barbers Hill Special Education Resource Fair and the first Barbers Hill Day Care-Community Training. Our Special Education and Dyslexia team also continued our community commitment by presenting two interactive workshops. In October, we had the opportunity to listen as Occupational Therapist Kara Ramos presented "Easy and Practical Techniques to Decrease Sensory Issues and Increase Fine Motor Abilities." In April, our Dyslexia team presented "Executive Functioning - Habits of the Mind." Please check out our website, bhisd.net, then "Departments," then "Special Services" throughout the year for information regarding exciting collaborative events. Welcome Back!

Adaptive PE Coach Chuck Russell

Our district is focused on embracing and igniting the excitement and competitive spirit embodied in our Special Olympic student athletes. We are proud to welcome Chuck Russell to our highly qualified team of professionals. Coach Russell is recognized throughout Texas and Louisiana as a leading advocate, organizer, and friend of the Special Olympic Games. This past school year, Coach Russell participated in training, inspiring and leading two groups of student athletes to a First place win in their soccer

divisions. Welcome to the Hill, Coach Russell!





Volunteers Help Shape the Future

Stephanie Gage, Auxiliary Services

With a look into the past as well as to the future, BHISD's theme for 2015-2016 is "Century in Sight." What could be more appropriate for a school district that prides itself in its rich history and traditions? Our commitment to using the past as a firm foundation and our enthusiasm in looking ahead are both led by dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators. The additional support of parents and community members makes it that much easier to go the extra mile to provide an exemplary educational experience for the students of BHISD.



The Barbers Hill Mentor Program is a prime example of how community volunteers are helping to shape the future of many of our students. On a weekly basis over 100 community members, parents, and teachers volunteer to help students who could benefit from extra time with a role model and encourager. Fifty-plus PALS, who are high school juniors and seniors, partner with young students to help them improve academic and social skills. In addition to these, dozens of volunteers give of their time to make Barbers Hill the best, and they are an essential part of our tradition of excellence.

BHISD is committed to keeping the school environment safe. With the partnership of the Barbers Hill Police Department and the district's S4 (Safe Schools, Safe Students) Task Force, many safety training opportunities and educational programs will continue to be offered to students and staff. Current information and resources on drug and alcohol awareness, bullying, dating violence, and cyber-bullying are important in helping us prepare for the current and future safety of all students. At the youngest age, students are taught a character education program. Red Ribbon Week will continue to be promoted on all campuses, and the annual Fall Fest, attended by thousands from our community, has a drug-free theme.

In 2015-2016, we encourage you to join us as we welcome the Pre-K class that will become the graduating class of 2029, in celebration of 100 years of rich tradition and excellence. Become an active part of our Eagle community. Attend our exceptional school programs and extracurricular competitions, consider becoming a mentor, and share our Eagle pride.



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