

Barbers Hill Independent School District

EAGLE

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Fall 2012



GO FOR THE GOLD

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A Tradition of Excellence... by any measure

Superintendent's Welcome



Legend has it that the earliest Olympic event involved running. I would like to believe this is true, because the running of a race is so symbolic of life. The qualities of perseverance, discipline and drive are essential to winning a race. They are likewise essential ingredients to a successful school district.

Many school districts are top tier districts at some point in their history but rare are the ones that have maintained excellence for their entire existence. There is an article from a local paper I found recently from 1933. Its title boasts of Barbers Hill having the best schools in the state. (A copy is on the wall of our Administration building reception room.)

Every year teachers, staff and administrators enter the starting blocks to continue that race, yet we do it with the baton that has been bestowed upon us by the countless generations of people who have made Barbers Hill a district worth bragging about.

We look forward to another gold medal year and making a contribution to the proud legacy that defines Barbers Hill.

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.

EAGLE LAUNCH

Meet the teacher • Bring your supplies • Get ready to soar!

GRADE	DATE	TIME	CAMPUS
PK/K	Aug. 21	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Begin at Middle School
1st	Aug. 22	6:45-7:45 p.m.	Primary
2nd	Aug. 22	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Primary
3rd	Aug. 23	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Elementary
4th	Aug. 23	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Elementary
5th	Aug. 20	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Intermediate
6th	Aug. 20	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Intermediate
7th	Aug. 23	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Middle
8th	Aug. 23	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Middle
(New students)			
9th	Aug. 15	6:00-8:00 p.m.	High School
(Orientation)			



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Intermediate School (5-6). . . . 281-576-3403
Elementary School (3-4). 281-576-3421
Primary School (1-2). 281-576-3405
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With ongoing road construction on Eagle Drive, Barbers Hill ISD will implement the following changes to start and dismissal times for the first two days of school. We appreciate your patience as Mont Belvieu officials work to meet the increasing traffic needs of our city.

All campuses will start and dismiss at regular times with the following exceptions on Monday and Tuesday, August 27th and 28th:

PreK - 6th grade buses will run one hour later than normal scheduled times. Car riders will still begin school at 8:20 a.m. Afternoon dis-

EAGLE DRIVE and THE BELL

What parents need to know for the first day of school

missal for all PreK - 6th grade students will be at the normal time of 3:40 p.m.

Middle and High School students will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday only, to help facilitate Eagle Drive traffic flow.

Normal bell schedules will resume Wednesday, August 29:

Grades PreK - 6: 8:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
Grades 7 - 12: 7:30 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.

NEW LEADERSHIP AT BHHS



BHHS Principal Rick Kana and Associate Principal Julie Heffner

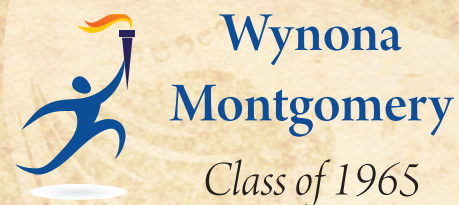
Barbers Hill High School welcomed five new administrators in 2012-13. Rick Kana was named the 21st Principal of the High School last spring following the retirement of former Principal Tom Holland. Kana has been an administrator at Barbers Hill Intermediate School for the past six years.

Joining Kana at the helm is Associate Principal Julie Heffner, who served as Secondary Curriculum Coordinator last year in BHISD. Prior to that time, Heffner was an associate principal in Summer Creek ISD.

Kana and Heffner will be assisted by new Assistant Principals Alan Koch, Jennifer Jacobs, Kirven Tillis, and current Assistant Principal Paula Jackson. See page 10, New Faces, New Places, for photos of each new staff member.



Distinguished Alumna 2012



Wynona Montgomery is a sixth-generation resident of Chambers County, a dedicated community volunteer, and an award-winning educator. Graduating as Valedictorian of the Barbers Hill Class of 1965, Wynona went on to become an Honors graduate of Lamar University and later earned her Master's degree from the University of Houston and 54+ hours of post-graduate coursework.

Wynona worked in Goose Creek CISD for 35 years (15 as a teacher, 20 as an administrator). During her years there she was named Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, and she was selected to participate in the Fulbright Teacher Program in Japan.

Besides teaching, Wynona's great passions are learning and service. She continues to pursue both through travel and participation in many organizations, including the United Way of Baytown Area, West Chambers County Pilot Club, Women's Storybook Club, Relay for Life, and Baytown Symphony Orchestra. Wynona is a frequent guest at Barbers Hill, where she volunteers with Pilot and Anchor Club activities for students.

Honorary Eagle 2012



Elizabeth Gill is a dedicated 30-year Barbers Hill educator and a True Blue Eagle. Her most famous legacies at Barbers Hill, besides the hundreds of students she guided, are the motto, "We Can, We Will, We're Barbers Hill!" which she created, and her memoir, *From County Line to Barbers Hill*, which she authored in 2006. The collection of essays recounts much of Barbers Hill ISD history from 1949, when she and her husband became teachers on the Hill.

Mrs. Gill graduated as Valedictorian of the Mount Pleasant High School Class of 1945 and with Honors from East Texas Baptist College. She earned her Master's degree from the University of Houston, and 30+ hours of post-graduate work. She has served in numerous leadership positions for Chambers County Educational Association, Texas State Teachers Association, Daughters of the American Revolution and First Baptist Church Mont Belvieu.

Mrs. Gill continues to serve the Barbers Hill community through the BHISD Mentor Program and through frequent columns she writes for *The Baytown Sun* and *Hometown Journey Magazine*.

Barbers Hill ISD Board of Trustees 2012-13



The Barbers Hill 2012-2013 Board of Trustees includes (l-r): Fred Skinner, Vice President, Cynthia Erwin, Secretary, Becky Tice, President, Ron Mayfield, Carmena Goss, Benny May, and George Barrera.

Every summer the Barbers Hill Board of Trustees meets as a Team of 8 with Supt. Dr. Greg Poole to discuss successes and challenges from the previous year. They also lay out goals for the upcoming year to help guide their decision-making during monthly board meetings.

The Team of Eight's Goals for 2012-13 are:

ACADEMICS

- 100% seniors graduate via State Accountability Program
- Show increases in all academic areas leading to State's highest ranking
- Implement a workforce development initiative resulting in increased numbers of students receiving certifications/credentials for job placement
- Implement a National Merit Scholar Program

- Track stronger drug and alcohol awareness and prevention

FINANCE

- Develop and implement a strategy regarding school finance litigation and legislative interpretation
- Diversify income stream

COMMUNITY

- Develop and communicate a transition plan regarding growth-related issues
- Strengthen relationships with the City of Mont Belvieu and other municipalities, Lee College, Chambers County and Legislature
- Continue to explore interactive opportunities for the Board

Barbers Hill Education Foundation

Cultivating Resources... Enhancing Education



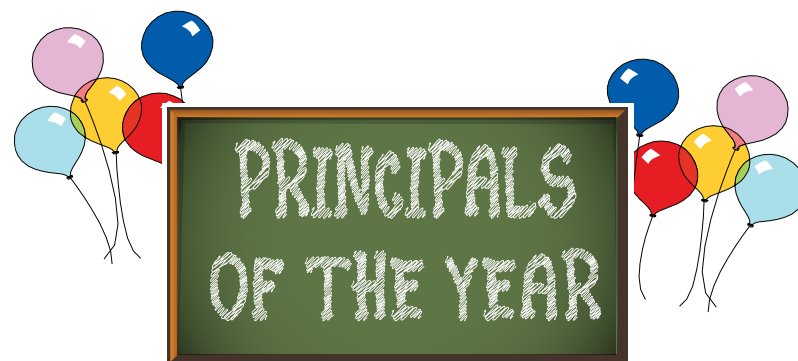
Through partnership with local industry and the generous donations of businesses and individuals, the Barbers Hill Education Foundation has been the channel for over \$40,000 to 70 Barbers Hill educators and classrooms. Teachers, visit bhisd.net for 2012 Grant Applications and stay tuned this fall for new ways you can participate in this great organization.



Michele Brent
Secondary
Teacher of the Year
Barbers Hill Middle School
Math



Tammy Routh
Elementary
Teacher of the Year
Barbers Hill Elementary School
Fourth Grade Science



Jim Bergstrom
Secondary
Principal of the Year
Barbers Hill Eagle Positive
Intervention Center



Rick Kana
Elementary
Principal of the Year
Barbers Hill
Intermediate School



BARBERS HILL SOARING EAGLE BAND

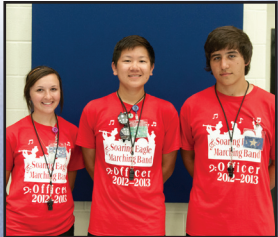


The 2012-13 school year is sure to be an exciting one for the Barbers Hill Soaring Eagle Band. The dust has settled on the north end of the high school and it is clear the Soaring Eagle Band has a beautiful new home. The state of the art facility will be a source of community pride for years to come. Freshman camp started July 30th and all returning band members joined them on August 1st. At nearly 190 members, the Soaring Eagle Band is the largest marching band in school history. Preparation for this year's marching season is in full swing.

The Soaring Eagle Band is excited to announce their show for the 2012 marching season. The Band will perform music from the American classic, "West Side Story," written by Leonard Bernstein. Selections will include: "Maria," "Mambo," "America," "I Have a Love," and "Tonight."

The Soaring Eagle Band would like to thank the BHISD School Board, Administration and the entire Eagle Community for their continued support. The Eagle Band is hard at work and very much looking forward to performing for you this year. Go Eagles!!!

Kevin Stone
Director of Bands



2012-13 Drum Majors Kaylee Stasik, Choate Wang and Nathan Neff.

Welcome New Eagle Coaches



Tri Danley
Head Coach
Girls Basketball



Ray White
Head Coach
Boys Track



Richard Miles
Head Coach
Boys & Girls Golf

GO FOR THE GOLD



Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction



Sandra Duree

It is an honor, a joy, and a responsibility to be part of a district with a strong history and tradition of excellence. Our quest for excellence is evident in everything we

do, including academics. Heroic effort has been expended to prepare for the many changes facing our schools. Some of the initiatives and activities that will prepare our students for college and beyond include:

- Over 100 teachers have worked this summer to revamp district curricula to ensure student success.



Instructional Technologists Alicia Brooks and Suzie Wilburn provided hours of professional development opportunities this summer, allowing teachers to learn about new and developing technology applications for the classroom.

- Teachers have participated in assessment training and are developing tests that gauge student performance against curricula expectations. These assessments will be used as tools to monitor student performance, identify remediation needs, and to expose our students to the same level and rigor of questioning required on STAAR and EOC assessments.

- A district-wide plan to cultivate academic vocabulary will be implemented this year at every grade level.

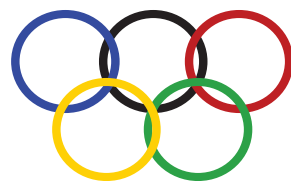
- Teachers, administrators, and para-professionals have logged a record number of hours in professional development to ensure we are using the most effective and efficient teaching tools and techniques to foster academic growth and achievement.

- A STEM program will be launched this year in BHISD and will be piloted at the Middle School as an elective course. This program provides "hands-on" activities that integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Students will be designing, engineering, and constructing innovative projects with "real world" applications bringing classroom instruction to life.

- We are working 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 local industry.

It is a great time to be an Eagle and we encourage you to be actively involved in this outstanding district. Kindergarten through Middle School campuses 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 will have a Freshman Orientation to facilitate successful transition for 9th-graders. Later in the fall, each school will host an Open House where parents can see first-hand the great things going on in classrooms. I encourage you to attend each of these important events with your students.

In addition, there are volunteer programs and mentor programs whereby community members can share their time and expertise to support the great things going on throughout the district. Get involved! I am honored to be part of Barbers Hill ISD, I am proud of our long-standing tradition of excellence, and I invite you to be part of our future.



GO FOR THE GOLD

Assistant Superintendent of Technology



James Banks

One of the challenges currently facing all school districts is how to advance needed technology programs in the midst of economic chal-

lenges across the state and country. Here at Barbers Hill we have been very fortunate to have the support of the School Board and community in developing state of the art programs that support student learning. As an example, for many years, we have had the 1-1 laptop program.

One of the next evolutions that I see on the horizon is what is being termed by many as "Bring Your Own Technology." Much of the needed technology to allow students to have access to Internet resources and learning materials (many in the form of apps) are now in their hands. BYOT provides an avenue for students to use these devices that they already own in a safe and secure way. In essence, a private

internal network is created that protects the host agency and at the same time allows the student the full benefit of using their own device here at school.

In the long run this could save districts both time and money. And, it could allow districts to shift needed

resources to internal infrastructures and additional instructional materials to help students learn even more effectively. Look for the implementation of such an approach on the horizon for many, including Barbers Hill ISD.



Assistant Superintendent of Finance



Becky McManus

With the continuing expansion of the Eagle Ford Shale system, Mont Belvieu represents the centerpiece of the natural gas liquids network and

is the premier North American delivery point for liquids production according to industry experts. As a result of this growth, Barbers Hill ISD entered into Value Limitation Agreements with four area companies in 2011-12 for the construction of new fractionator units in our district. These facilities, operated by Enterprise Products, Lone Star Fractionators, Oneok, and Cedar Bayou Fractionators, will employ hundreds of construction workers and numerous full-time employees once they are fully operational, all of which contribute to the economic growth of our community.

This summer, the School Board approved two additional Property Value Limitation Applications with Enterprise Products for the construction of two new fractionator units at their Mont Belvieu industrial site with a combined investment of \$580 million. These new units will further enhance the tax base of BHISD, and reflect continued capital investment in our area. Other companies have contacted the district with intentions to expand their facilities as well and are expected to request limitation agreements from BHISD in 2012. These truly are exciting times on the Hill!

BHISD has again received the state's highest rating of "Superior Achievement" under T.E.A.'s financial accountability rating system ("FIRST"). BHISD has maintained a "Superior" rating since TEA established the rating system in 2002.

Assistant Superintendent of Planning and Operations



Stan Frazier

Facility improvements and Maintenance, Operations and Transportation departmental activities have been numerous this summer

in preparing excellent learning environments for our students. In order to accommodate enrollment growth, capital projects this summer included High School Fine Arts expansion and renovations, Intermediate School Fine Arts renovations, and a front entry security vestibule.

Operations Department staff members attended a seminar in Conroe in preparation of piloting a new micro-fiber cleaning program at the High School.



The new Fine Arts facility was built with voter-supported bond funds to accommodate our growing band department.

The district locksmith pinned approximately 78 new locks and repaired or replaced several existing locks for areas within the district. The summer floor crew has been stripping and waxing all district floors along with refinishing three district gym floors. Summer cleaning crews provided custodial services for all summer staff, summer school, as well as deep cleaning on all campuses.



Fine Arts addition - new Band Hall interior

Transportation Department mechanics replaced a number of brakes shoes, drums, and fuel pumps as well as changed oil and repaired seats, and checked and replaced tires. Along with general maintenance, all bus surveillance cameras have been inspected and repaired. For summer school, 155 students were transported with 8 bus routes. Routes are being updated for the 2012-13 school year and will be posted on the school website on the Transportation page in August.

Along with their general duties of mowing and weed eating, the Grounds staff repaired the playground at the Primary School, cleaned the walkways in front of the Primary and Kindergarten Center, and put up a bird barrier along the top of the Intermediate School outdoor commons gates.

The Maintenance Department completed numerous painting projects, repaired water leaks and leaky faucets, as well as hanging marker boards and projection screens throughout the district. The HVAC technicians have been cleaning chillers and coils at all campuses in addition to working on pump motors and other equipment to insure top performance. Our electricians replaced numerous ballasts and lamps district wide in preparation for the new school year.

The departments of Planning and Operations look forward to another banner year at BHISD in providing outstanding learning environments to our students, faculty and all stakeholders.

Assistant Superintendent of Personnel



Barbara Ponder

"Go for the Gold".....what a great theme for the upcoming school year! The hard work, commitment and perseverance we associate with the Olympics mirror the dedication

of our staff and students to be our very best. Barbers Hill has consistently produced outstanding students who receive an excellent education from our great teachers and staff. Our pledge to "Go for the Gold" resides within the hearts and minds of our community, and communicates our commitment to the students in our district.

The Personnel Department is proud to play a role in continuing our tradition of excellence by hiring the best and brightest candidates. There will be 31 new professionals and 12 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 members 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 2012-2013 school year. Additionally, 100% of our teachers received high-quality professional



Barbers Hill ISD Leadership Team converged at Oak Island in August for professional development based on the book, Leading Change, by Larry Kotter.

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. At the High School, we have

two new administrators. Allen Koch and Jennifer Jacobs will be Assistant Principals. At the Middle School, Regan Rinando will now be an Assistant Principal and Tracy Spicola will be the Academic Dean. Kristen Davis will now serve in the role of Assistant Principal at the Elementary School. Finally, Sarah Otto joins BHISD as Principal at the Primary School.

Some of our administrators have new assignments this year. At Central Office, Becky McManus has moved into the role of Assistant Superintendent of Finance. Rick Kana has moved from Principal at the Intermediate School to High School Principal. Joining him will be Julie Heffner as the Associate Principal, and Kirven Tillis as Assistant Principal. Sue Chatham moved from the Elementary Principal position to now lead the Intermediate School. Dennis Wagner assumes his first principal position at the Elementary School where we know he will do a great job!

We congratulate and welcome all our new employees and look forward to the success that awaits faculty and students in the coming school year. Let's bring home the "Gold" and continue our Tradition of Excellence in all that we do during the upcoming school year with the famous Barbers Hill pride and commitment.

Director of Auxiliary Services



Stephanie Gage

In the spirit of the Olympics, BHISD's theme for 2012-2013 is "Go for the Gold." What could be more appropriate for a school district that strives for excellence in

all activities? The pursuit to be the best is led by dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators. The support of parents and community members makes it easier to go the extra mile to provide the best educational experience for the students of BHISD.

The Barbers Hill Mentor Program sets the "gold" standard. On a weekly basis over 100 community members, parents, and teachers volunteer to help students who could benefit from



Barbers Hill Elementary staff member and mentor Deborah George joined mentees for the end-of-year ice cream social and a time of fun and games.

extra time with a role model and encourager. Fifty-plus PALS from the high school partner with young students to help them improve academic and social skills. In addition to these programs, we welcome volunteers to work in the schools. Volunteers, who give of their time to make Barbers Hill the best, deserve a gold medal!

Barbers Hill is committed to keeping

Director of School Nutrition



Susan LeBlanc

Barbers Hill students will not only go for the gold in campus cafeterias this year, but for the red, green, and orange as well, in the form of fruits and vegetables.

On January 25, 2012, First Lady Michelle Obama announced new school meal nutrition standards that go into effect this year. One of the biggest changes is that students in grades K-6 will be required to take one fruit or vegetable serving in every tray lunch. Under the new federal standards, school meals must:

- Offer larger servings of vegetables and fruit, and children must take at least one serving.
- Offer a wide variety of vegetables, including at least a weekly serving of

dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes.

- Not exceed 10 percent of calories from saturated fat, and have no trans-fat.
- Follow strict calorie limits.
- Provide only fat-free or 1% milk.
- Gradually reduce sodium levels.
- Gradually include more whole-grain rich foods.

Meal prices will remain the same for the 2012-13 school year. Parents may pay for school lunches by sending a check with their student, payable to Barbers Hill Cafeteria, or by paying online. The online payment option includes a \$1 convenience fee for each transaction. Parents may monitor their child's balance and daily purchases, as well as make payments, by logging into Family Access on bhisd.net.



NEW FACES · NEW PLACES



Becky McManus
Assistant Supt. of
Finance



Rick Kana
Principal
BH High School



Sue Chatham
Principal
BH Intermediate



Dennis Wagner
Principal
BH Elementary



Sarah Otto
Associate Principal
BH Primary



Julie Heffner
Associate Principal
BH High School



Kirven Tillis
Assistant Principal
BH High School



Jennifer Jacobs
Assistant Principal
BH High School



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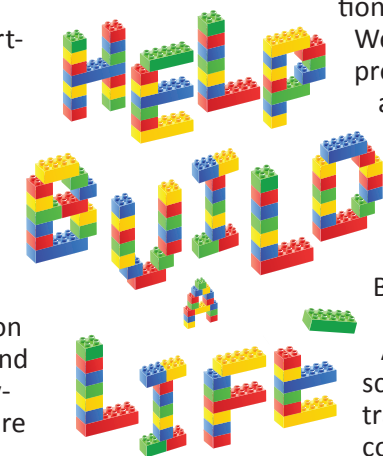


Kristen Davis
Assistant Principal
BH Elementary



Tracy Spicola
Academic Dean
BH Middle

the school environment safe. With the partnership of the Barbers Hill Police Department and the district S4 (Safe Schools Save Students) Task Force, many training opportunities and educational programs about safety will continue to be offered to students and staff. Current information and resources on drug and alcohol awareness, bullying, and cyber-bullying are a priority for our district. 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 has a drug-free theme.

In 2012-2013, we encourage you to join us as we "Go for the Gold." 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.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
Aug 31	Tigres Juvenil Nuevo Leon	7:30	Home
Sep 7	Lumberton	7:30	Home
Sep 14	Crosby*	7:00	Away
Sep 21	C.E. King*	7:00	Home
Sep 29 (SA)	Kingwood Pk*	7:00	Away
Oct 5	Humble* (Homecoming)	7:00	Home
Oct 12	Porter*	7:00	Away
Oct 19	Open		
Oct 26	Dayton*	7:00	Home
Nov 1 (TH)	Summer Creek*	7:00	Away
Nov 9	New Caney (Parent nt)	7:00	Home

*District Game



For all Fall Sports schedules,
 including Volleyball, Team Tennis,
 Cross Country Track and Swimming:

bhisd.net, click Athletics