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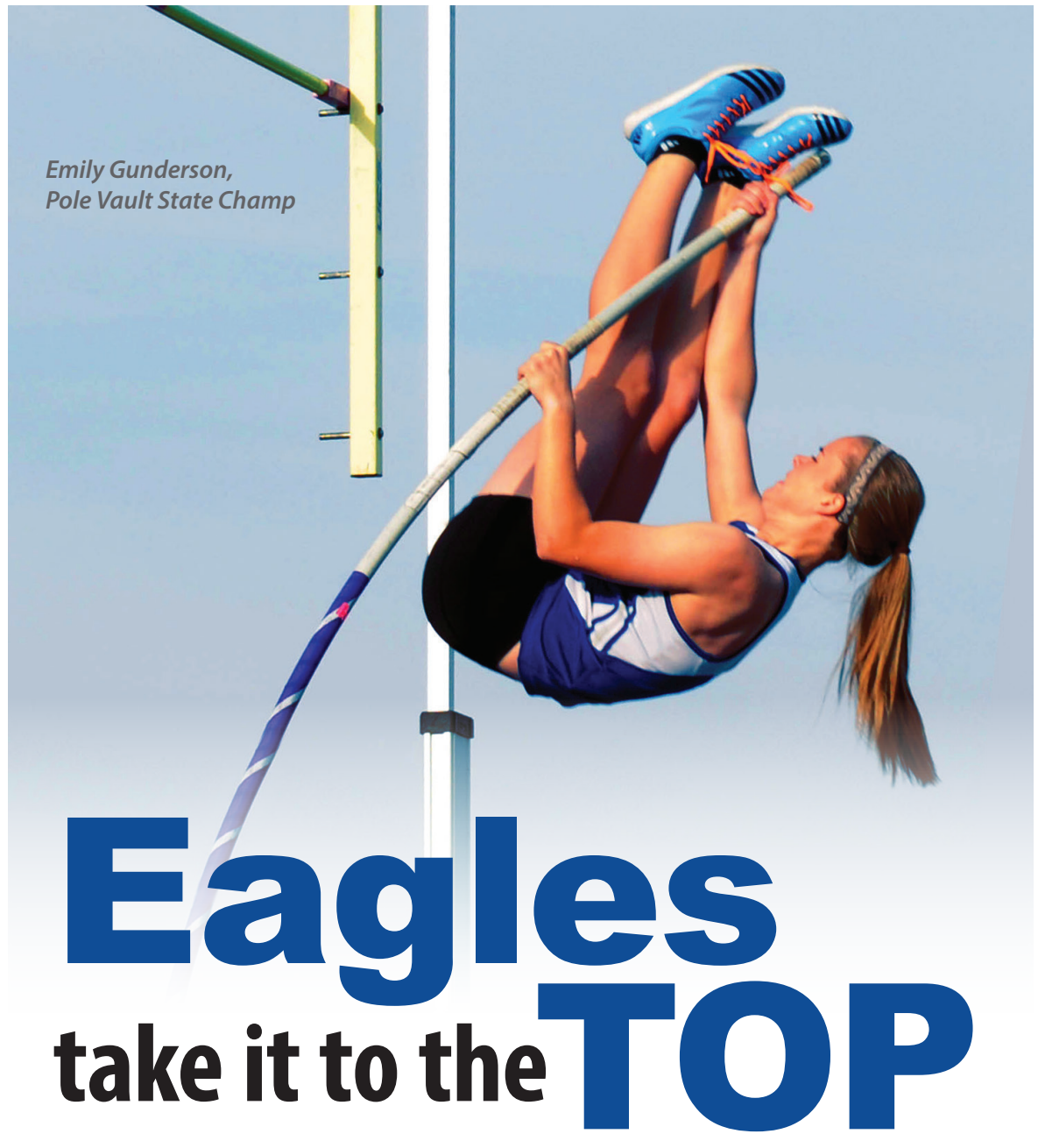
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*Emily Gunderson,
Pole Vault State Champ*

Eagles take it to the TOP

A Tradition of Excellence...by any measure

Soaring to New Heights



Dr. Greg Poole
Superintendent

I had the pleasure of recently watching my two sons enjoy something I did as a child. My oldest bought my youngest an Estes Rocket. These rockets are kits and use solid propellant to fly upwards to 1,000 feet and then parachute to the ground. It is no easy task to gauge the wind and place the descending rocket in the desired location.

My youngest christened the rocket the Eagle. After firing a test rocket and losing it to what appeared to be the next county, we made the proper adjustments and miracle upon miracle it gently landed back into our yard.

Our district has been in existence since 1929 and has a storied and rich history. The 2014-15 school year promises to add a new exciting chapter as it is the first time for our district to experience two middle schools and two elementary schools. It is a daunting task to ensure the "zoning" does not divide our brand or our district, yet we are determined that this new phase will unite and make us all the stronger. Our district continues to grow at a 4 - 5% clip as it has for the last 20 years as people continue to seek to enroll their children here. We fully understand and accept the challenge to ensure that this growth does not diminish our quality.

We are on the launch pad and an exciting and fruitful future awaits. Our school board and leadership have made it a priority that we will "land this ship" on target. After all... We Can, We Will!

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.

Three Board members begin renewed terms

Barbers Hill Trustees Jef Farrell, George Barrera and Benny May were sworn in during the May Board meeting after running unopposed for positions 2, 3, and 4.

"This is another indicator of the quality of leadership provided by our Board of Trustees," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole. "To have three consecutive years of unopposed races demonstrates a vote of confidence by

the community in our district and those who govern it."

Board members serve three-year terms and provide leadership to the district on a volunteer basis. The upcoming term will be the fourth term for Jef Farrell, the fifth term for George Barrera, and the seventh for Benny May, who also serves on the State Board of Directors for the Texas Association of School Boards.

Barbers Hill ISD Board of Trustees



Left to right:
Fred Skinner, Jef Farrell,
Becky Tice, Ron Mayfield,
George Barrera, Benny
May, Cynthia Erwin.

*Chambers County Judge
Jimmy Sylvia performed
the swearing-in ceremony
for renewed Board
members Jef Farrell,
George Barrera, and
Benny May during the
May meeting.*



Barbers Hill ISD ranks #2 of 58 Houston school districts



The Houston Chronicle recently published the results of an annual data analysis sponsored by the non-profit organization Children at Risk. Fifty-eight school districts in the greater Houston area were analyzed and ranked based on composite scores.

Barbers Hill ISD ranked second of 58 in the overall rankings, earning a letter grade of A. Only 25 percent of districts earned an A grade in this report.

Individual campuses were also ranked based on each of the criteria below, and Barbers Hill High School ranked in the Top 30 high schools in the Houston area.

Greater Houston School District Rankings 2014

| DISTRICT | 2014 COUNTY | 2014 HOUSTON RANK | STATE RANK | LETTER GRADE |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| Friendswood ISD | Galveston | 1 | 37 | A |
| Barbers Hill ISD | Chambers | 2 | 43 | A |
| Pearland ISD | Brazoria | 3 | 60 | A |
| Tomball ISD | Harris | 4 | 75 | A |
| Clear Creek ISD | Galveston | 5 | 78 | A |
| Conroe ISD | Montgomery | 6 | 83 | A |
| Waller ISD | Waller | 7 | 119 | A |
| Katy ISD | Harris | 8 | 138 | A |
| Fort Bend ISD | Fort Bend | 9 | 179 | B |
| Montgomery ISD | Montgomery | 10 | 181 | B |

Research by CHILDREN AT RISK.

Criteria included:

- Student Achievement – based on scores on the 2013 state-mandated tests. For high schools, the graduation rate was also factored in.
- Student Growth – Considered the improvement in a school’s state test scores compared to last year.
- Socioeconomic Growth – Considered the deviation from expected scores in relation to the percentage of economically disadvantaged students at each campus.



2013 Accountability Ratings

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Barbers Hill ISD | Met Standard |
| Barbers Hill High School | Met Standard |
| Barbers Hill Middle School | Met Standard |
| Barbers Hill Intermediate School | Met Standard |
| Barbers Hill Elementary School | Met Standard |

Barbers Hill Primary School, Kindergarten Center and DAEP are not rated

- Met Standard was the highest rating given in 2013
- Barbers Hill ISD scores were 10-20 points higher than the state average
- Preliminary 2014 scores indicate every campus Met Standard

2013 TEA Distinction Awards

- ★ Barbers Hill High School
Top 25% Student Progress
- ★ Barbers Hill Intermediate School
Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA
Academic Achievement in Mathematics
Top 25% Student Progress



Archer named State Champ



Barbers Hill High School junior **Chase Archer** was named UIL State Champion in Editorial Writing in May, along with receiving the Tops in Texas Award. This award is given to the overall winner from all school districts 1A – 5A.



BHHS **Academic Decathlon Team**, in its third year, attended state competition and placed in the Top Ten in Texas.

BHHS senior **Tyler Copeland** won Third Place in Accounting at the Regional UIL Meet and participated at State UIL competition.



BHHS Choirs earned First Division ratings at UIL Concert competition on stage and in sight-reading, bringing home a UIL Sweepstakes Award. Varsity Choir earned straight ones for the third consecutive year.



BHHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian earn National Merit

Barbers Hill Salutatorian **Caroline Claassen** (left) was named a National Merit Commended Scholar this spring, and Valedictorian **Marie Labonte** was named a National Merit Scholar. Both titles indicate high test scores on the PSAT, taken in the fall of junior year, as well as exceptional scores on the SAT, among other qualifications.



CX Debate Team **Luke Anderton** and **Robbie Brath** competed at the state level in the Texas Forensic Association, and CX Debate Team **Ashten Lee** and **Emily Joseph** competed at the state level in UIL.



BARBERS HILL ISD STUDENTS



BH students in grades 2-4 participated at the State level of "Odyssey of the Mind" competition, where students use creative ways to solve a real-world problem. Barbers Hill teams were the youngest to ever compete in OM at the state level, and our 4th grade team earned 4th place.



BHHS student **Chelsea Carter** won 4th place in the Home Health Aide category at the Health Occupations Student Association state competition this spring. Pictured with Principal Rick Kana and Health Sciences teacher Cheryl Clark.



BH Middle School students attended state competition for the second consecutive year and made it to the semifinal round in the Quiz Show that tests all things Texas. Students included **Mason Smith, Charlie Hayman, Joseph Muscat, Christian Castillo** and **Adriana Torres**. Sponsor is BHMS teacher **Teeya Thornton**.

BHHS Choir Ensemble earned a First Division rating at UIL State Competition, including students **Katie George, Haley Hutter, Nicole Guentzel, Mattie Griffin, and Lyndsey Gerhart**.



Five Band members earned Division 2 ratings at State Solo and Ensemble: **Jeremy Nicolai, Ryan Boudreaux, Sonia Torres, Ethan Hann** and **Haley Wilburn** (not pictured)



BHHS Percussion Ensemble earned a Second Division rating at UIL State Competition.

BHHS Soaring Eagle Band participated in the State Marching Competition in November. In the spring, all bands scored First Division ratings in UIL Concert competition, earning the band a UIL Sweepstakes Award for the year.



Shine IN STATE COMPETITIONS

Barbers Hill High School wins 18th consecutive UIL Sweepstakes



BH senior **Abigail Harris** received the "Best Actress" award at Regional competition, along with Samantha White's "All Star Cast," Mattie Griffin's "All Star Crew," and the "Tech Ensemble Award" for crew members.



The 2014 One Act Play "**Mother Courage and her Children**" was selected State Alternate at Regional Competition.



Barbers Hill juniors **Sonia Torres** and **Michael Horn** (seated), and **Natalee Veazey** and **Russell Forstell** (standing, right) were selected to participate in the Boys State and Girls State Conventions this summer, where students gain an inside view of our governmental and legislative processes. Alternates are (at left) **Caleb Powers** and **Darby Baker**.



Barbers Hill Elementary-level students brought home the Sweepstakes Award from local UIL competition. There were 24 First Place Awards in grades 2 – 5.



BH FFA students were well-represented in State competitions in 2013-14, including State Champs in Sporting Clays, and 10th place in Horse Evaluation.

Class OF 2014



VALEDICTORIAN



Marie Labonte



Ryan Wade



Samantha White



Emily Gunderson



Morgan Daniels

SALUTATORIAN



Caroline Claassen



Conlee Hamlin



Mattie Griffin



Chelsey Caldwell



Brea Baygens



Learn more about
our top ten!

*Scholarships offered to
the BHHS Class of 2014:
Over \$2 million*

Class of 2014 is the largest-ever from BHHS: 327 seniors



Percent of seniors passing State Testing: 100%



Class of 2014 seniors who attended BHSD from K-12

**Emily Gunderson, State Champ
in Pole Vault**

**Kirsten Johnston – 6th place in State Track 3200M
run and State participant in Cross Country**

**Drill Team Eagle
Champions Circle**



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Softball Team State Semi-finalists and Undefeated Season



**Softball Team Magnificent
Seven Seniors**



**Randi Rupp- Texas Gatorade
Player of the Year and TGCA
All-Star Team**

**Sara Rupp - TGCA
All-Star Team**



**Marion Hazelwood -
Under Armour Volleyball
All-American 1st Team**



**Morgan Daniels and Kristina Kana – Girls
Doubles District Champs**

**Shelby Fillingame – Girls
Singles District Champ**

**Volleyball Team Regional Semi-Finalists
and Undefeated Season**

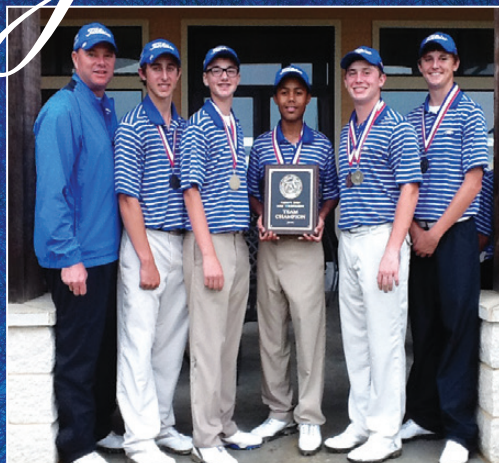


*ettes – Fiesta Texas Drill Team Contest-
le and Sweepstakes Award*

Girls Spring Tennis- District Champs



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Baseball– Bi-District Champs

Boys Golf – District Champs

Varsity Cheerleaders – UCA Sweepstakes Award 2014

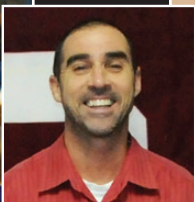
Eagle Mascot Mikayla
Foreman – UCA All
American Award



Cheerleaders Madison Wilks
and Haley Melton,
UCA All–American Awards



*Volleyball Coach John Leonard and Girls Basketball
Coach Tri Danley : 500th career wins*



Lady Eagles Basketball Bi-District Champs



Summer 2014

Good news from our staff



BHISD adds Three National Board Certified Teachers, has the leading percentage of NBCTs in the state

High School science teachers **Heidi Airey** and **Sharon Moyer**, and Intermediate School science teacher **Christina King** are the most recent staff to earn the distinguished title of National Board Certified Teacher. They join 23 additional NBCTs at Barbers Hill, which places the district at the highest percentage of NBCTs in the state.



Barbers Hill Theatre Director **Travis Poe** has won numerous state championships as director at Barbers Hill High School, and was elected this year as president of the Texas Educational Theatre Association in Austin.



Barbers Hill ISD welcomed new police **Officer Van Neff** to the staff in May. Officer Neff will be housed at Barbers Hill Middle School North in the upcoming school year. Pictured with BHISD Chief of Police Kenny Widner, Neff, Officer Neff's wife, Tina Neff, and Board President Becky Tice.

Teachers of the Year



Elementary Teacher of the Year
BARBARA METHNER
BH Intermediate School



Secondary Teacher of the Year
TEEYA THORNTON
BH Middle School

Elementary Principal of the Year



SARAH OTTO
Barbers Hill Primary

Bachelor's Degree:
University of Texas at Austin
Master's Degree: Lamar University
Years in Education: 10
Years at BHISD: 2
Hobbies: Cooking in BBQ cook-offs with friends and family, gardening, reading
Favorite part of my job: Being a part of high school graduation. The goal for our elementary students is to see them walk across the stage as proud Barbers Hill graduates!

Secondary Principal of the Year



JIM BERGSTROM
DAEP

Bachelor's Degree:
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
Master's Degree: Texas Southern University
Years in Education: 33
Years at BHISD: 26
Hobbies: Golf, watching movies with my family, traveling
Favorite part of my job: Making a positive difference in the lives of staff and students with whom I have had the privilege of working throughout my career

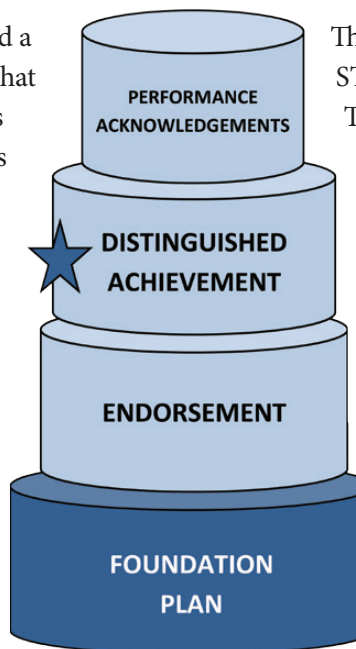


New opportunities to specialize under House Bill 5

The Barbers Hill ISD Board of Trustees approved a graduation plan this spring under House Bill 5 that will allow more options for high school students to tailor educational goals to their own strengths and interests. The new plan applies to entering freshmen (the Class of 2018) and all younger grade levels.

The Distinguished Achievement Plan approved by the Board requires 26 credits including Algebra 2, which matches the former graduation plan. The new plan, however, offers more customization of study through what the bill's authors call Endorsements.

Endorsements are five categories on which students may select to focus.



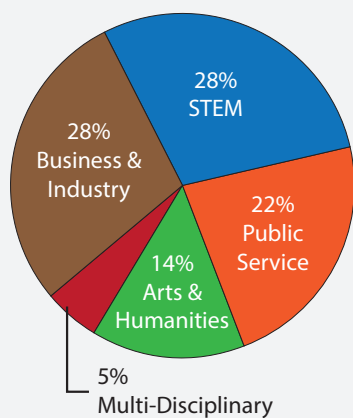
Those categories are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Business and Industry, Arts and Humanities, Public Services, and Multi-Disciplinary.



Eighth-grade students select an endorsement according to their interests, and their high school schedules are mapped accordingly. Students have the option to change endorsements if desired, after consultation with the Counseling Department and parent approval.

For more info, visit bhisd.net.

Class of 2018 selections



Eighth-graders talk about endorsements:

"I chose public service because I want to be a therapist, and the new endorsements open up more opportunities in my field."

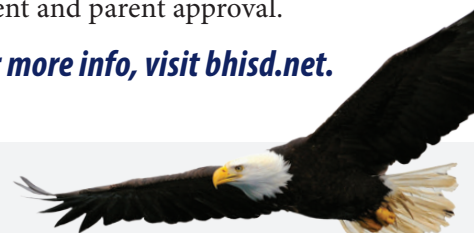
Lorena Valdez

"I want to be a mechanic or engineer. STEM was most related to what I like to do. I have worked on cars with my dad before and I really like that kind of stuff. I really like to build things."

Kaben Barton

"I'm going to be a Vet one day. I can be in Ag through the Business and Industry Endorsement. It will be very helpful because it will teach me how to open my own Vet business."

Emily Roberts



Record participation in Duke TIP

Over 100 BH seventh-graders were identified last year as extremely high-achieving students and were invited to participate in the annual Duke Talent Search. Of those students, 64 accepted the invitation and took the required SAT or ACT test. Fourteen of those students qualified for state recognition. Seventh-grade students achieve state recognition by scoring at or above the national average of recent high school graduates on at least one part of the ACT or the SAT.

Sneak Peek

2014-15: Familiar Faces, New Places

Barbers Hill ISD will begin a new chapter in August, 2014, when we open two elementary schools and two middle schools for students in grades 2-8. Students who live north of Interstate 10 will attend Barbers Hill Elementary North (new campus behind Eagle Stadium) and Barbers Hill Middle School North (current Middle School). Students who live south of Interstate 10 will attend Barbers Hill Elementary South (current Elementary School with expansions) and Barbers Hill Middle School South (current Intermediate School).



Meet the Principals

Barbers Hill Kindergarten Center

Grades PreK-K

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:45 pm



Principal
Lisa Watkins



Asst. Principal
Jessica Ickes

Barbers Hill Primary School

Grade 1

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:45 pm



Assoc. Principal
Mandy Malone



Academic Dean
Robin Waller



Barbers Hill Elementary North

Grades 2-5

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:45 pm



Principal
Sarah Otto



Asst. Principal
Ami Davis



Asst. Principal
Stephanie Martin

Barbers Hill Elementary South

Grades 2-5

School Hours: 8:20 am – 3:45 pm



Principal
Sue Chatham



Asst. Principal
Elizabeth Filer



Asst. Principal
Vicky Moye



Learn more online at www.bhisd.net

Barbers Hill Middle School North

Grades 6-8

School Hours: 7:35 am – 2:55 pm



Principal
Lance Murphy



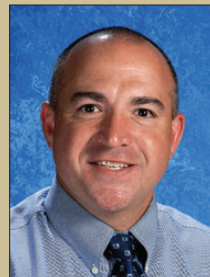
Asst. Principal
Linda Gerhart



Academic Dean
Tracy Spicola



Principal
Dennis Wagner



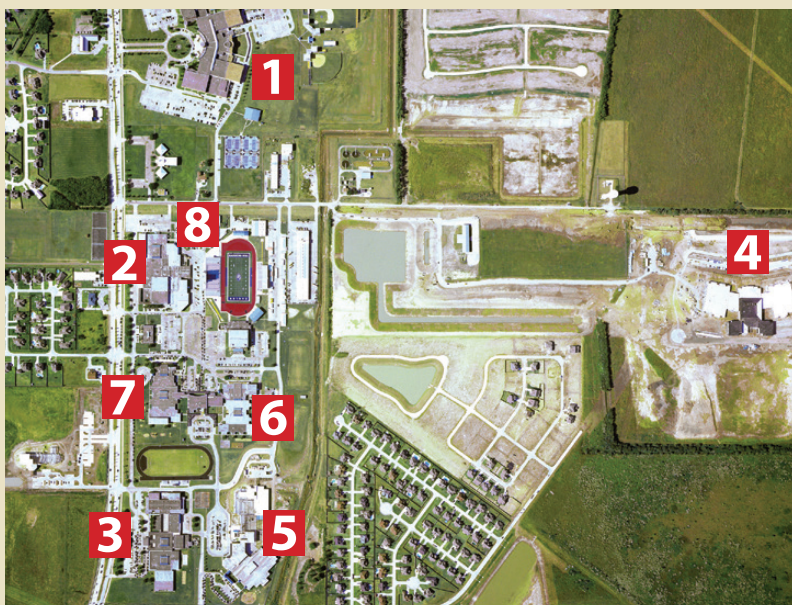
Asst. Principal
Regan Rinando



Academic Dean
Kristen Davis

Campuses:

1. Barbers Hill High School Grades 9-12
2. Barbers Hill Middle School North Grades 6-8
3. Barbers Hill Middle School South Grades 6-8
4. Barbers Hill Elementary School North . . Grades 2-5
5. Barbers Hill Elementary School South . Grades 2-5
6. Barbers Hill Primary School Grade 1
7. Barbers Hill Kindergarten Center PreK - Kindergarten
8. Barbers Hill DAEP Alternative



COMMUNITY NEWS



United Way of Greater Baytown representatives Linda Avedon and David Mohlman recognized BHISD for Gold Star Commendations received for donations in 2013.



ExxonMobil Mont Belvieu Plastics Plant representative Terry Tucker presented Barbers Hill juniors with awards for the Annual ExxonMobil Essay Contest. First place winner was Sonia Torres and Second place went to Nicole Guentzel. Both girls wrote essays on the importance of petrochemicals in our world.



BHISD wins Relay for Life Top Fundraiser Award with \$49,000 in donations. BHISD Relay Coordinators included Sandy Rogers, Stephanie Martin, Kristy Skidmore, and Stephanie Gage.



Good Neighbor-Day – BHHS Student Council and campuses throughout the district coordinated efforts on their bad weather make-up day, which fell on Good Friday this spring, and used the day to make a difference in our community. The very successful food drive benefitted the Mont Belvieu Food Pantry.



BH North Cornerstone Dedication – Local members of the Masonic Lodge performed a dedication ceremony as they leveled the cornerstone for Barbers Hill Elementary North. Pictured is Past Grand Master Walt Rogers as he presented the leveling tools to PBK Architect Ian Powell.

Back to School – August 25

Eagle Launches

*Come meet the Teacher!
Bring your supplies!
Get ready to soar!*

Dates:
Freshman Orientation
for incoming
9th grade students
August 13, 6 pm

KC and Primary
August 19,
5:30 – 7:45 pm

Elementary
North and South
August 20, 6 – 8 pm

Middle Schools
North and South
August 21, 6 – 8 pm

Community Open House
for Barbers Hill
Elementary North –
Stay tuned!

Registration 2014-15

Returning Students

All returning students must provide current proof of residency. Returning students entering 7th grade must also provide vaccination records.

Step 1: Online Registration

On-line registration must be completed between
July 16 - August 3, 2014.

If you do not have a personal computer with internet access, you may register on-line at Middle School North (former BH Middle School): July 21 or July 28
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Step 2: Onsite Registration

All returning students are also required to complete onsite registration at their respective campus:

August 6 - 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
August 7 - 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Please bring current utility bill (gas, water, electrical, satellite or cable) with name and physical or service address.
- Parent or Legal Guardian MUST accompany student under the age of 18.
- If you did not complete all on-line registration forms, including campus-specific forms, you will be required to do so at this time.

Onsite Registration for:

New Kindergarten Students: Aug. 6 and 7

New Students Grades 1-12 (held at High School) :
Aug. 11 and 12

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