

Hive Highlights



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End of Semester Approaching !

By: Sha-Vera Myrick

The end of the semester is near and semester exams are coming soon. Like last year, the semester does not end until after we return from our holiday break.

The Semester grades are imperative to earning credit towards graduation. To figure out a semester average for each class, add the first and second nine weeks grades together and then divide the sum by 2. A passing grade is considered 60% or higher.

The semester ends- January 15, 2009.

Semester exams are January 12-15. With semester exams start-

ing so soon after our winter break, it is a good idea to begin looking over class content as soon as possible. Some of the tips below will help students prepare for the upcoming exams:

As you begin preparing for exams, consider the amount of time needed to study for each class.

If you are a quick learner, then you will not need to spend as much time preparing as someone that absorbs materials at a slower rate. As common sense would

tell you, if you are struggling more in one class than you are in another, it would be in your best interest to devote more study time to that particular class.

To find more information on test taking strategies, visit <http://www.testprepreview.com/>.



Bright Futures Scholarship

Starting December 3rd, BHS Seniors will be applying for the Bright Futures Scholarship online. They will be doing so through their government/economics classes. Students who do not have one of these classes, or are absent the day of sign ups, need to see their guidance

counselor. This Florida Lottery-funded scholarship rewards students for their academic achievements during high school by providing funding for them to pursue postsecondary educational and career goals in Florida.

Junior Conferences

Junior conferences will begin this month in the guidance department. Parents should receive a letter stating the date and time for the upcoming junior conferences. The guidance counselors strongly urge parents be in attendance at their students' conference due to the important decisions that will be made for their upcoming senior year.

WHAT'S THE JIVE:

- 12/1- 12/5 Book Fair
- Girls Soccer JV/V
- 12/2
- Girls Basketball
- BESTT
- 12/3
- Interims
- 12/4
- Boys Basketball
- 12/5
- Boys Soccer
- 12/6
- SAT
- 12/7
- Bartow Concert Christmas Program 2:30
- 12/8
- Girls Basketball
- 12/9
- Girls Soccer
- 12/11
- Boys Soccer
- Wrestling
- 12/12
- Christmas parade- 6:00
- Festival of Wreaths
- Boys Basketball
- 12/13
- ACT
- 12/15
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Soccer
- 12/16
- Wrestling
- 12/17
- Boys Soccer
- 12/18
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Soccer
- 12/19
- Girls Basketball
- 12/22
- Girls Basketball
- 12/20-1/5- Winter Break

Highlights on History— Rosa Parks

By: Keyontaye Williams

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks (February 4, 1913 – October 24, 2005) was an African American civil rights activist, who the U.S. Congress later called the "Mother of the Modern-Day Civil Rights Movement".

On December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, Rosa Parks disobeyed the bus driver James Blake's order to give up her seat for a white passenger. Rosa Parks was not the only black woman to not give up her seat, Irene Morgan, in 1946, and Sarah Louise Keys, in 1955, also disobeyed to give up their seat. But unlike these previous individual actions of disobedience, Rosa

Parks' actions sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Rosa Park's action of defiance created the modern Civil Rights Movement and she became an international icon of resistance to racial segregation. She organized and collaborated with civil rights leaders, including boycott leader Martin Luther King, Jr., helping to launch him to national prominence in the Civil Rights Movement.

Rosa Parks eventually received many honors, ranging from the 1979 Spin Garn Medal to the Congressional Gold Medal, a posthumous statue in the United States

Capitol's National Statuary Hall, and the posthumous honor of lying in honor at the Capitol Rotunda.



Students of the Month - Andrew Tedder and James McClamma

By: Jaelyn Haygood-Perkins

A jumbo sized geometric shape was not exactly what Mrs. Kern's had in mind when she gave the assignment to make an icosahedron to help students learn about Greek mythology. An icosahedron is a geometric solid consisting of twenty faces. Each face is an equilateral triangle and every vertex of the icosahedron is formed by five triangular faces that come together. Going above and beyond the required expectations in Mrs. Kern's

English Class were ninth graders' Andrew Tedder and James McClamma. They created the large scale icosahedron with twenty Greek gods on each side. The students conferred with Mr. Garrison on the



proper measurements for the project and received help from parents on researching and constructing it.

James and Andrew feel that completing this project helped them connect with the unit of Greek Mythology on a whole new level. After finishing, Andrew and James learned they achieved a record for having the largest Icosahedron here at Bartow High.

Guidance - College Loans

By: Michael Bonney

As everyone knows, college tuition has become more costly with our wavering economy. A recent study shows that the average family covers almost forty percent of college costs by borrowing money.

Misunderstanding student loans could lead to a financial burden for you, the parents, and your students down the road. Each student loan has advantages and disadvantages associated with them. In choosing the loan for you or your child, be cautious and informed. Having bad credit is the last thing anyone is looking for or needs.

Federal loans offer a number of advantages, including easier repayment terms and low interest rates.. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, (FAFSA) serves as the application form for federal loans, which includes subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans and PLUS loans for parents. This loan becomes available January 1, complete the form and submit it early to ensure your student receives his or her fair share of aid.

Private lending resources have tightened since late 2007. Many lenders have stopped making private student loans, forcing many students to seek other sources. For more information on the sources available, visit Federal Student Aid Gateway at the Department of Education, or Visit ACT's [financial aid need estimator](http://www.act.org/fane/) at www.act.org/fane/ to help calculate your expected contribution and costs at specific colleges.

Teacher of the Month - Mrs. Leslie Clay

By: Robbie Kierce

Mrs. Leslie Clay has been chosen as our December "Teacher of the Month"! Mrs. Clay has been a teacher here for three years. Mrs. Clay is a graduate of Warner Southern College with a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management. She is currently co-teaching Algebra and she also teaches in the ESE Department. This year Mrs. Clay has taken on the commitment of teaching the Leadership classes. Students taking this course are heavily involved in community events, such as the recent "Fill-A-Bucket Project". Leadership also just wrapped up our Homecoming festivities, which were a huge success. Another responsibility for Mrs. Clay is 2010 Class Sponsor. This is a big year for the class of 2010, as they will be sponsoring the prom. The prom will be held in Clearwater and is expected to

be a great event!

If these responsibilities were not enough, Mrs. Clay also coaches two sports for Bartow High. She is an assistant coach for the girls volleyball team and the head boys tennis coach. With what is left of her spare time, Mrs. Clay enjoys spending it with her family.

We would like to thank Mrs. Leslie Clay for her dedication to our school and for the differences she makes in our students everyday!



Community Corner - Fort Fraser Trail

By: Michael Castro

The Fort Fraser Trail is a brand new walk-a-long trail that stretches 7.75 miles from Bartow to Lakeland. It is 12 feet wide through the entire length of the trail. It is great for Polk County citizens who enjoy walking, jogging, riding a bike and many other activities. The trail is constructed along the abandoned



CSX railroad line running along the side of U.S. 98 between State Road 540 in Lakeland and just south of State Road

60 in Bartow. There are two trailheads; one located at the PCC/USF campus behind the Polk County Sheriff's Office substation. The other is located in Highland

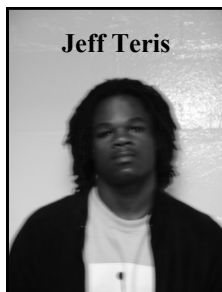
city which includes picnic tables and a restroom. A trailhead is being designed and soon to be constructed in Bartow. This trail is very convenient to Polk County citizens, and is a great place to get fit!

Athlete Spotlight - Jeff Teris

By: Joseph Black

Absent from soccer last year, senior student athlete Jeff Teris, plans to make a comeback as the standout forward for the Bartow Boy's Varsity Soccer Team. Jeff feels that from his one year absence, he will be a positive impact on and off the field for the team. Bartow has seen success on the soccer field in past years. Jeff feels that the reason they are so successful, is because of the tight knit family atmosphere they have on the team. Jeff

feels that the only thing stopping them from a trip to State are injuries, that often seem to occur during the season. Jeff plans to continue



playing soccer after his high school career.. Good Luck to both our girls and boys soccer teams!

Fall Sports Recap

Football

The football team ended their season with a 5-6 record.

Volleyball

Girl's volleyball won the district title but lost in the regional quarterfinals making their record 21-7 for the season.

Golf

The boy's golf team went 12-2-1 and was crowned county champions and district runner up.

The girl's golf team ended their season with an 8-3 record.

Swimming

The girls and boys swimming team both qualified for regional. Trey Williams qualified in the 200 free, Daniel Krieger qualified in the 50 and 100 free, Tyler Dimmig qualified in the 500 free, and Patrick Ready qualified in the 100 breast stroke. Tyler fox, Daniel Krieger, Ben Shaia, Trey Williams and David Amaro qualified in the 200 and 400 along with the relay teams, which are all going to STATE.

Cross Country

The boys and girls both took 4th in the district and qualified for regional.

Project Fill-A-Bucket

By: *Alaina Barnhart*

Project Hearth and the Polk Education Foundation have worked together to administer Project Fill-A-Bucket. This project donates to the homeless children and teenagers for the holiday season. Some of the items contained in the bucket are everyday necessities such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, towels, books and stuffed animals. For some, this bucket will be the only gifts they receive this holiday.

Here at Bartow High School, between clubs and classes, we have donated 58 buckets to many who are in need for this coming winter. We are proud to be a sponsor of the Fill-A-Bucket Project



Helpful Phone Numbers:

Main Office 534-7400
IB Office 534-0194
Guidance 534-7405
Attendance 534-7452
Resource Officer 534-5060



Character Trait of the Month

What is character? As defined by Dr. Thomas Lickona, "character education is the deliberate effort to develop virtues that are good for the individual and good for society." The objective goodness of virtues is based on the fact that they:

- Affirm our human dignity
- Promote the well-being and happiness of the individual
- Serve the common good
- Define our rights and obligations
- Meet the classical ethical tests of reversibility (Would you want to be treated this way?) and universability (Would you want all persons to act this way in a similar situation?).

This month's character trait is:

RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility means accepting that you, and you alone are accountable for your life. Being responsible comes with the realization that you are where you are, and what you are because of your own conduct and behavior. To be RESPONSIBLE you have to be accountable for everything that you do and take responsibility for the effects of your activities. It's like having a sense of duty to fulfill tasks with reliability, dependability and commitment.

By: *Adrian Brackins*

Can Higher Gas Prices Save Lives?

By: *Amanda Kleyla*

It doesn't matter what day it is but we all have found ourselves grunting while reaching for our credit card to pay the rising prices at the pump. But have you ever thought that those prices could prevent you or some one you love from dying?

While everyone doesn't want higher gas prices, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has found an upside to the increases. If we have higher gas prices, there may be fewer deaths from car accidents. Highway deaths account for more than 94% of all transportation deaths.

While analyzing yearly car accident deaths in relation to gas prices, they found that the death rate dropped when the gas prices went up. When the gas prices go up it makes some people slow down and drive less. Michael Morrissey, Director of the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, coauthor of the study, says if gas stays at \$4 a gallon or higher for a year or more, car accident deaths could drop by more than 1,000 per month nationwide. The effects are even more dramatic for teen

drivers.

Now that gas prices are beginning to drop, people are driving and going faster. So the next time you take to the

road,
drive safe
and
buckle
up!



ATTENTION JUNIORS

The upcoming ACT registration for the Feb. 7th test date runs through January 6, 2009. For more information please call Guidance at 534-7407.