

Hives Highlights

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Bartow High School, 1270 S. Broadway Ave., Bartow Florida

What's the Jive:

October 13-24

Alternate Assessment Science Field Test

October 15

PSAT / NMSQT test

October 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

IB Prospective Students

6:00 – 8:00 pm

October 17

Student Holiday

October 22

End of 9 Weeks

October 25

ACT

October 27 - 31

Spirit Week

October 28

SAC

7:30 am

October 28

Powder Puff Football Game

October 30

Bartow Halloween Parade 4:00 pm

Cricket Club Halloween Carnival

November 1

SAT

November 1

HOMECOMING DANCE!

Message From the Principal

Dear friends and supporters of Bartow High School,

We welcome you to a new school year on the campus of BHS. Every year we face new changes. This year we have many new teachers, classes, students, rules and procedures. Newness alone, however, cannot produce transformation.

We all must be willing to be caught up in the rebirth that is possible with each new year. Regardless of what you have done in the past, there's always room for improvement to do a job even better, whether it's in the classroom, a club, in athletics, with your manners, respect and pride on campus. First and far most are our Mission Statements: "To ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences for our students that result in high achievement"-Polk County, and our school's Mission Statement: "To ensure that all students will become lifelong learners, who are responsible, caring and productive citizens."

We are proud of what we achieve at BHS-in our classrooms, offices, playing fields, stages and competitions-but our achievements are not due to complacency and satisfaction with the status quo. We are always looking for better ways to achieve our goals.

This year, we want to raise our FCAT scores, "Dress for Success" everyday, improve our manners, attitudes, GPA's. Help us make our school a place that offers personal growth to everyone, a good place to learn, work, and share our pride.

Ronald E. Pritchard, Principal

Honoring Our Best

By: Max Meza & Zachary Seay

Mrs. Ann McCarty has been named Bartow High School/ Summerlin Academy/IB "Teacher of the Year". She has been teaching Biology for 24 years. Mrs. McCarty is honored about being picked for this award. The reason she likes teaching Biology is because she wants to get students more involved and she does lots of hands on activities,

makes labs more relevant and fun, and she tries to find out what students are interested in. She also likes to teach because she wants to motivate young people to be life learners. Mrs. McCarty enjoys water skiing, crafts and cooking in her spare time.

Our Employee of the year Jackie Prevatt is a very honored and humble employee at Bartow High School. She's

worked at BHS for eight years as a computer lab manager. She troubleshoots and aids teachers with computer problems. Working at this school isn't just a job for her it's her family. Way to go staff, we salute you!



Ann McCarty



Jackie Prevatt

Helpful Hint of the Month

This month's hint is discussing your child's progress with his/her teachers. When you ask your child "how was school today?", coming from a 16 year-old high school student, they're not going to go into much detail. Instead, take a look at your student's progress report or schedule, look for any problems, and if so, schedule a conference with that teacher to see how things really are.

Another suggestion would be to just ask your child what he or she needs help in and see what you, your child, and the teacher can do to make things copasetic in the classroom again. Here are some websites that may help: www.nea.org, www.isea.org, www.kidsource.com.



By: Chris McCloud

Teacher of the Month

The student body at Bartow High School did a poll on who they think should be "Teacher of the Month". The students chose Ms. Tamara Leon. We interviewed Ms. Leon and asked her some questions and this is how she responded to our questions. We asked her about her best teaching strategy and she said, "Well I like to facilitate hands on teaching so I would say that is my best teaching strategy." How can parents help their students through high school? She responded, "Stay in contact with the teachers, stay involved even though your kids might think they know it all they still need parent guidance. Encourage your child to try their best and if they find themselves struggling then they can always come or go to the teacher for help." Some things she likes

By: Latosha Jones & John St. Helen



Ms. Tamara Leon

Be a Parent Volunteer!

By: Josh Crosby

If you would like to become a parent volunteer and join in all of the fun activities at Bartow High School it is simple to do and will not take a long time. All you need to do is go to www.bartowhighschool.com, on the website Click on the volunteer section on the left side of the page. When that site opens look at bottom of the page and click where it says parent volunteer form and fill it out to get approved by the school board. You are now ready to join in all the fun at Bartow High School like field trips, prom, homecoming, school dances, sporting events, and any other school activities.



The Gadget Guru

By Dillion Starrett & Odilio Ramirez

The MP4 Watch is the ultimate video and music player for your wrist. It plays MP3 music and movies. It will also display your photos.

This amazing looking and extremely durable stainless steel bracelet and watch body this video, photo viewer, e-book viewer voice recorder and watch really covers anything you could ever need out of a MP4 player.

Student of the Month

By: Jaelyn Haygood-Perkins

Awesome and multitalented are great descriptive words to describe our October student of the month Hercules Stancil. Hercules is a very ambitious IB Junior who has the desires of becoming a Mechanical Engineer after attending an Ivy-League College. His motivation to be successful comes from his father-son discussions.

Hercules, the oldest of four,

enjoys basketball, youth groups at church, and FBLA at school. When spare time is available he just likes to relax playing the piano and blowing the saxophone. We wish Hercules Stancil the best as he pursues his goals. Hercules was nominated for "Student of the Month" by one of our teachers here at BHS. Thanks Coach McGriff!



Hercules Stancil

Return of Dominance

By: Joe Black & Michael Bonney

Bartow has struggled early in its quest for a state title, but with the switch at quarterback positions and the win against Barron Collier, Christian Clay is determined to lead the team back to dominance. I had a chance to talk to the new quarterback about his unexpected return behind the helm. I asked Mr. Clay about his feelings on the season thus far and he said, "If we play hard we will have a shot." Christian also de-

scribes this team as a family and that the one thing that will put this team over the top is that they do not fear any opponent they face!



"Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict."

*William Ellery
Channing*

Community Corner

By: Michael Castro

Southern Style Buffet in Bartow

Fred's Market has finally opened up a new location in Bartow at 1380 N. Broadway Ave. Fred's market is a family orientated restaurant with strong Christian values. This buffet specializes in southern style food such as Fried Chicken, Tilapia, Mashed potatoes, Collard Greens, Macaroni and Cheese and much more. The food is made fresh everyday and the buffet is always re-filled with food so you can always get what you want. This Fred's Market is

one of many new chains showing their success. The Fred's Market team is participating in many community events such as the relay for life in April. "Many students from Bartow High work at Fred's Market and they're some of the most respectable students I've met and parents should be proud." Said Manager Vicki Sharer. There are plenty of positions to work at Fred's Market including cashiers, hostess, and bus boys. Fred's Market is jumping right into the community and will be around for awhile.

FREE DRINK

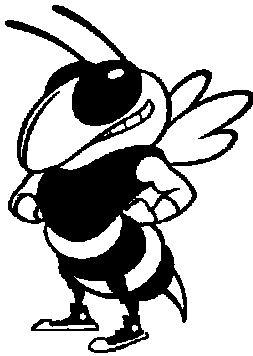
*With the purchase of any buffet meal.

Fred's
SOUTHERN KITCHEN

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College and Career

By: Bianca Velez

On October 16, 2008 University of Florida is coming to Bartow High School to talk about admissions information. There are many scholarship programs that students can take advantage of. One program that students can still apply to is the Horatio Alger Association, it annually awards more than 12\$ million dollars in scholarships and grants. Scholarship criteria includes high school graduation in spring/summer of 2009, commitment to pursue a bachelors degree, and United States citizenship. Students can apply online at www.horatioalger.com/scholarships. Students may still apply until October 31, 2009. Another opportunity is the AXA Achievement Scholarship this program offers the following awards: \$10,000 scholarships to 52 students one in each state, \$15,000 additional scholarships to 10 national recipients from the pool of 52 state winners which will bring their total earnings up to \$25,000 . The application deadline for this years AXA achievement Scholarship is December

Keeping an Eye on Your Student's Grade!

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to stay abreast of your child's academic progress through the Pinnacle Internet Viewer—every student has been given password access to this tool. Many of you have accessed this website in the past and are aware of how to use it; however, for those of you new to the school who may not have knowledge of its advantages, please contact your child's counselor for more in-

formation on how the Pinnacle Viewer can assist you in tracking your child's progress in school. Also, Jan Crawford, our College & Career Specialist, is available to offer assistance in finding scholarships for our college or vocational bound juniors and seniors.

It is our desire to create an environment where every student has the opportunity for success—and, working together with you, our parents, we firmly believe this can be

accomplished.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

Emilean Clemons

Assistant Principal

of Curriculum
