

THE Purple and Gold

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Art students compete in BAM!

In November, Art III and Art IV students at Bay High School will be submitting pieces of work for a competition with Arkansas State University's Bradbury Art Museum in the Fowler Center. Back on September 14, twenty-two BHS students, along with art teacher Mrs. Carmer, traveled to the museum to see the *Body Parts* exhibit, which showcased artwork that depicted humans' emotions and physical movements. Students were shown works of art by six different artists and told to use inspiration from the pieces to create something new for a competition to be held in November. Each student must also supply an artist statement with their work describing how it relates to one of the artists shown in the exhibit. After submission each work will be viewed by a juror, who

will decide if the work will be shown in the exhibit along with works from students from other schools in the area.

Last year as juniors, BHS seniors Lily Emerick and Kaitlyn Norwood were selected to have their pieces shown in the exhibit, and Norwood won first place. "I was really excited," said Norwood.

This year a \$1,000 scholarship will be offered to one graduating senior whose artwork is shown. "I think giving students the opportunity to work with other artists on a larger scale is awesome because it is an opportunity for students to show their talents and creativity and be pushed to think harder," remarked Carmer. The exhibit of selected pieces will be from November 27 through December 2.



Senior Kaitlyn Norwood standing next to her piece "Standing in a WOMAN'S shoes." Norwood received first place at the BAM competition last year. Photo Submitted.

BHS 2019 PROM REVEAL

After months of anticipation, the BHS 2019 prom theme is ready to be revealed! At the beginning of the school year junior class officers selected a country theme, but the specifics of the theme were hard to pin down. That all changed when Sherry Carmer, junior class sponsor, remembered watching a video: *Forever Country: Artist of then, now, and forever*. Carmer realized that the lyrics of the mash-up applied to the BHS seniors, and she used that for inspiration.

The first song featured in the mash-up, "Take Me Home, Country Roads", represents that no matter what, Bay will always be the seniors' home. The sec-

ond song featured in the mash-up, "I Will Always Love You", represents the love that BHS will always have for the seniors. The final song, "On the Road Again", represents the new adventure that awaits the seniors after graduation.

That was all it took, and the inspiration created the 2019 BHS prom theme: "Country Roads: Diamonds and Denim."



Graphic of the prom theme. Photo by Sherry Carmer and Shelby Corn.

Calendar

Nov. 9

Crystal Bridges Field Trip

Nov. 12

Veteran's Day Assembly

Nov. 19-23

Thanksgiving Break



Bailey Scott's, 11, mixed media piece titled "Farmer's Daughter" made of cotton, fabric, and paint. This is Scott's piece for the BAM competition.

Teacher

SPOTLIGHT



Social Studies teacher and baseball coach **Brandon Nix** attended Brookland High School where he was a member of Beta Club, FFA, basketball and baseball. Three words he believes his high school teachers would use to describe him are mischievous, funny and work ethic. After high school he attended Arkansas State University as a teaching major, and he attended UALR where he majored in nursing. If he wasn't a teacher, he would be a scrub tech. His greatest achievements so far are his family- wife Amanda, daughter Blakely and son Easton, and playing collegiate baseball. Skydiving, base jumping, and seeing the 7 Wonders of the World are all on his bucket list. He wants the graduating class of 2019 to always remember where they come from and to not forget who helped them achieve their goals.

**No high school photo submitted*



Art teacher **Sherry Carmer** attended Bay High School where she was involved in Art Club, Drama Club, FBLA, FHA, Eureka Club, Science Club and Beta Club. She loved her art class and her group of friends. She majored in Art Education at Williams Baptist College and also earned a Master's Degree in Special Education from ASU. She believes her high school teachers would describe her as quiet, talented and tenacious when she was a student. Her greatest achievement in life is her children. One thing that students don't know about her is that she has to practice her art everyday, and she messes up a lot—people just don't see her mistakes. A few of Mrs. Carmer's favorite things are the song "Reckless Love", the movie *The Four Feathers* and sweet tea. Her words of wisdom to the 2019 graduating class are "live your life in a way that your presence is not known, but rather your absence felt."



English teacher **Marsha Lowery** graduated from Jonesboro High School, where she was involved in Beta Club. After high school she earned a degree in Secondary Education in English from ASU. Her JHS teachers would say she was dependable, respectful, and punctual. She considers her biggest life achievement so far to be "not having a mental breakdown throughout her 32 years of teaching". Before she dies, she wants to see the ocean and go see a "Medea" play live; she also does not want to retire and be broke. If she could go back in time, she would complete her master's degree so that she could be making more money. Her favorite song is "Say Something" by Justin Timberlake, and one thing she would like the students to know about her is "I am not really the person you think I am." Her advice for the 2019 graduating class is to be patient, be thorough, and do more listening than speaking.



Preston Harmon, math teacher and Jr. High boys basketball coach, attended Izard County High School, where he was actively involved with Beta Club, Key Club, FCA and Quiz Bowl. He was an accomplished player in basketball, baseball, shooting sports and golf for which he won 3 state championships. Another of his greatest achievements came when he received the National Army Scholar Athlete award in back to back years. His favorite memory of high school was when he and his teammates made a birthday cake for a foster care student at school. He attended Central Baptist College where he earned a BSE in Health/PE, and he is currently working toward his MSE in Educational Leadership at AState. His favorite movie is *Coach Carter* which makes sense because 2 of the top items on his bucket list are coaching in a state championship game and coaching in the NCAA tournament. One thing he wants the students at Bay to know about his is that he almost never wears jeans; he could wear shorts year round.

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Bay High School golf team has successful 2018 season

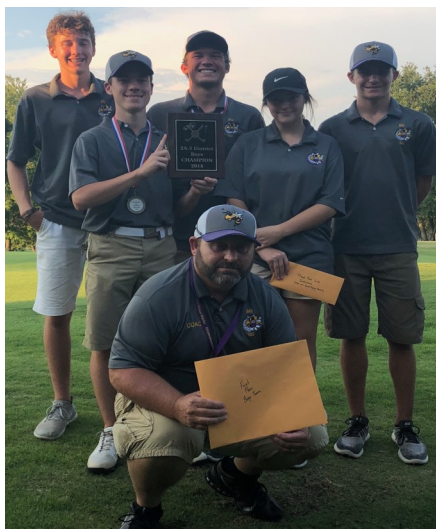
The BHS golf team took their skills out on the green at Burns Park Golf Course in Little Rock on October 4 to compete in the 2A-3A state golf tournament. The team consists of two juniors, Andrew Oster and Nathan Higgins, and two sophomores, Paition Hartley and Jackson Hunt. At state, Hunt, who was selected to the all-state team, shot an

85, Higgins a 96, and Oster and Hartley both 112. With their combined scores, the BHS golfers finished 6th out of 24 teams. Hunt tied for third place in overall best score, earning himself a spot in the overall tournament that took place on October 11. "It was a true honor, and to be able to compete with the greatest in the state was amazing. It's

something I'll never forget, and I will work twice as hard this off-season to qualify my junior year and excel in what I love," said Hunt. He performed in the tournament along with 17 other players from around the state.

Earlier this season, the team won first in district for the second year in a row. Nathan Higgins won medal-

ist for the boy's division with Hunt as runner-up. "I went all season without getting medalist, but I managed to clutch it out and play better than I've ever played in my life that day," said Higgins. Hartley, Higgins and Hunt were selected to the all-conference team.



BHS golf team after winning district. **Back, from left:** Paition Hartley, Nathan Higgins, Andrew Oster; **Middle:** Jackson Hunt, Kira Durecki; **Front:** Coach Tommy Cole.

NOVEMBER Student Section

November 9 vs. Sloan-

Hendrix

- BLACK OUT

November 27 vs. BIC

- USA



Caleb Markum (left), 8, is blocked in attempt of gaining his team two points by top-scoring player Gunner Darby (right), 9. Photo by Jacob Oster.

Annual purple and gold games kick off the season

On October 5 Bay High School held its annual Purple and Gold games where the coaches split up each basketball team into two teams: one white/gold and the other purple, and then the teams play against each other. The Jr. high girls teams were coached by new BHS coach Michael Slater and senior Kaylee Crain. The boys teams were coached by coach Preston Harmon and principal/coach Brad Brannen.

All of the teams played very competitively with the girls' game tied at the end of regulation play. A 10 minute long "sudden death" overtime followed with the gold team earning the win. "It was a rough start to the season," commented freshman Julie Hutcheson. Freshman Mykaela Jolly ended the game with a game high of 11 points. The gold team also prevailed in the boys Jr. high game with another Fresh-

man, Gunner Darby, scoring 23 points. The purple team redeemed themselves in the Sr. High game with sophomore Jay Jones scoring 29 points. The Purple and Gold games are used to give the coaches an indication of what they need to work on before the actual games begin. "It went really well, but it was overall hard to judge without everyone being out there," said Brannen. Two senior players, 6' shooting guard Dax

Gibson, who had a fractured tibia, and 6'8" center Slade Grove, who had Mono, were not able to participate in their last Purple and Gold game.

"I felt like I was letting my team, my friends and my grade down because I didn't get to play with them one last time," said Gibson. Gibson was back on the floor the following week against Mammoth and Sloan-Hendrix.

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What is the hardest part about high school?

Madison Sutter, 7, "Just the homework."



Travel Club makes “moo”ves

Last month, the Bay High School FFA and Travel Club traveled to Little Rock and learned how one animal can help sustain an entire community. The groups toured Heifer International, which works with impoverished communities to help lift them out of poverty.

At the headquarters, members got to see a mock village and a working farm in Little Rock. Senior FFA member Robert Whitlock stated, “I got to experience something that I have never seen. I thought that it was pretty cool.” Junior member Addy Middleton also learned much from the trip, stating “It was an eye-

opening experience that taught me to appreciate the things that I have everyday as well as teaching me to spread my culture and give back to the world.” The trip gave members the chance to see unfamiliar things.

Travel Club also has plans to sponsor a change drive for grades 7-12 to help raise money for Heifer to “purchase an animal or another useful resource to send to a community in need” according to Higgins. Students interested in helping the organization can participate in the contest and bring change to help make change in Arkansas and the world.

Don’t judge Book Jackets by their cover

Book Jackets is not just a reading club. Seventh grade member Dalton Trotter believes there are other benefits as well. “Before I joined Book Jackets, I was isolated, but now I am getting to socialize more, go out and have friends.”

Along with those positives, members also get to meet and talk with a real author.

For the fall semester, members read the New York Times Bestseller *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner. Seventeen members attended an author visit with Zentner on October 9 at the Jonesboro Public Library. According to Book Jackets sponsor Tana Kundert, “the author visit is a great way to reach out to the students and get them involved.” Senior member Lily Emerick said, “I enjoyed hearing an award-

winning author’s advice on how we can become authors ourselves.” Many other members of Book Jackets echoed Emerick’s sentiments.

For their second book, the Book Jackets are reading *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. The book tells the story of a black girl whose friend is killed by a police officer. Kundert selected the book because she “sees it as this generation’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*.” To facilitate conversation about the difficult subject, Kundert plans to “bring in SRO Tommy Cole and have him give a presentation over his view about the situation.” *The Hate U Give* is a true page turner, and it is sure to give Book Jackets members many opportunities to meet.



Seventh graders Will Ashlock and Drew Long listen to guest speaker, Tarun Chincholi at first STEAM meeting of the school year.

“STEAM”ing down the right track

STEAM Club is an organization based on science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Denisha Buchanan and her STEAM Club co-sponsors are going above and beyond this year to make STEAM Club successful. On September 27, Buchanan brought in Dr. Jami West, an occupational therapist, to talk to students who were interested in joining STEAM Club. Brandon Young, another STEAM sponsor, brought in Tarun Chincholi, a business engineer at Hytrol. Both speakers spoke about their jobs, how many STEAM classes they took in college and how they use that in their careers.

Dr. West specifically spoke about how she helps people who have had injuries regain their independence. She demonstrated how she assessed reflexology by tossing candy at student volunteers. Chincholi had students divide into small groups and discuss topics that dealt with creativity. He began by having students watch the latest

Space X launch and discuss how scientists figured out how to get rockets off the ground. Chincholi also spoke about his life in India. 9th grade member Jordan Vales said, “I was taught about how spaceships blast into space and about a car that was jettisoned into space.” Chincholi was Vales’s favorite speaker of the day.

Buchanan says that the sponsors plan to make STEAM Club a fun but informative club in the upcoming months. “We are planning to take field trips to the nature center, the ASU museum and library.” STEAM Club members are also excited about these future plans. “I can’t wait to go on the trips with STEAM Club. Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. Young have made this club fun, exciting, and a great way for me to converse with other students who share some of my interests,” said 8th grade member Hannah Pierce. STEAM Club seems to be on the right track.

What has been your favorite part of the school year?

Brandy Williams, 9, “I guess being able to leave early on Fridays.”



What is your favorite meme?

Addy Middleton, 10, “The moth memes because they’re really funny.”



What clubs would you like to see at Bay?

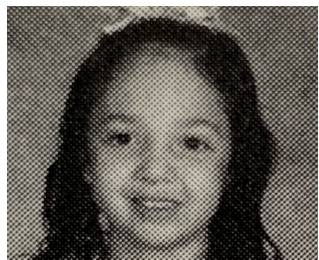
Olivia Hickey, 8, “I would like to see dance at Bay.”



Senior SPOTLIGHT



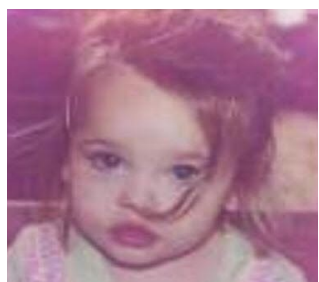
AnnMarie Wood is planning to attend Arkansas Tech University to major in Animal Science and become a zoologist after she graduates from BHS. Three words to describe her are funny, sarcastic, and memorable. One of the top three things on her bucket list is to visit every state park in Arkansas. Her words of wisdom to the underclassmen are "Just do you and only worry about yourself." Her best memory of BHS is "when Jordan Taylor and I were walking down the bleachers and she fell from the third row."



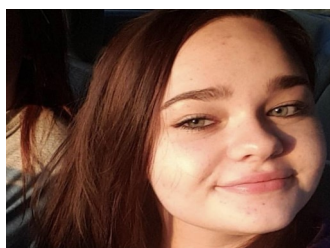
Jarrett Allen's best memory about BHS is making his friends. After graduating from BHS he plans to attend ASU Newport to major in computer science. His dream job is to work at a video game company. The top two things on his bucket list are to go skydiving and go to Seoul, South Korea. His hobbies include playing video games and collecting shoes. His best friend is Chase Lowery.



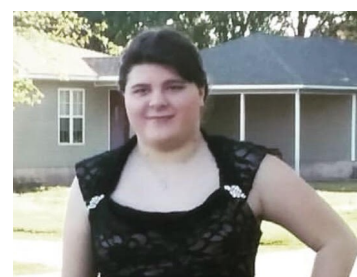
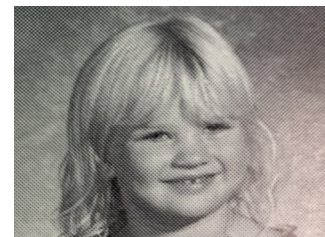
Tot Diaz's dream job is to be a cosmetologist; however, upon graduation she plans to attend Colorado Christian University and major in occupational therapy. Her best memories from BHS come from homecoming week "where we all come together as a family." She describes herself as funny, honest, and opinionated. Her hobbies are cheering and hanging out with her friends and her boyfriend, and her best friend is Kira Durecki. Her words of wisdom for underclassmen are "Always do your work on time."



Falynn Lawrence describes herself as loyal, easy-going, and confident. Her favorite song is "Know" by Tauren Wells. Falynn plans to stay in Arkansas after she graduates BHS and attend Arkansas Tech University; her dream job is to become a dental hygienist. Her best friends are Amador Galvan, and Baylee Ford. One of the top three things on her bucket list is to swim with sharks. Her favorite memory of middle school is jumping under Mrs. Zachary's desks and yelling "Earthquake."



Haylee Tribble works at a daycare for special needs children. Her hobbies are writing and art, her favorite book is *Shatter Me* by Tahereh Mafi, and her best friend is Allison Weir. Her plan after graduating from BHS is to attend ASU and major in psychology, and her dream job is to become a pediatric mental health specialist. Her favorite memories of school are every homecoming and Scotty on the hoverboard during her junior airshow.



Kayla Wilson says three words to describe her are smart, funny, and has potential. She hopes to attend college some day to become an art, band or choir teacher. She enjoys art, singing and hanging out with her friends. Her favorite book is *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner; her favorite movie is *Titantic* and her favorite song is "Sunrise, Sunburn, Sunset" by Luke Bryan. Her words of wisdom for underclassmen are wherever life takes you, everything is possible if you focus on your main idea. Her favorite memory of elementary school is "when the teachers had us chasing a Christmas elf around the school in kindergarten."

FFA brings home winners from NEA Fair competition

On September 19, students from Bay High School competed in and dominated three out of the five agricultural competitions at the Northeast Arkansas District Fair in Jonesboro. BHS students competed in three different competitions and took home first place in each category.

In entomology, insect identification, senior Damion Moon took home first

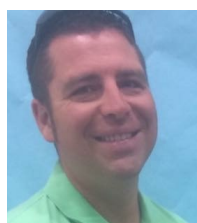
place for the third year in a row. "It's kinda sad that I'm only going to be known for insects," said Moon. Three students, senior Max Clements, sophomore Hunter Scott, and freshman Tyler Fraley, competed in the tractor driving competition, with Max Clements taking home first place, Scott earning second and Fraley, third.

In weed and wildflower identification, junior Dylan

Creech also took first place. "I'm glad that we were able to take home first place in every competition we competed in," said Creech. The students were also treated to a magic show from BHS Ag teacher Rocky Clements who does magic presentations during the District Fair every year. The students look forward to returning next year and dominating the competition again.



First place insect identification winner Damion Moon, 12.



FCA sponsors (L to R): Casey Newman, Brandon Nix and Preston Harmon.

FCA makes a comeback

BHS has been without a Fellowship of Christian Athletes association for two years, but FCA is now back up and running thanks to Coach Newman, Coach Nix and Coach Harmon. Many students were interested in getting the club up and running again.

The club offers a safe and welcoming environment for Christian athletes and any other students who wants to join. What sets this club apart from others is that it's led by the students with minimal assistance from the coach sponsors.

The club meetings are at the last 10 minutes of lunch every Wednesday.

FCA member Junior

BHS baseball/golf player Andrew Oster said, "I am excited to bring together Christians in this community to make a change." Club members hope to make a difference in their school and in the community. "I felt like it would be a good opportunity for students," said Newman. The club will get involved with Operation Christmas Child which is a worldwide Christmas project for children in need based in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. They send gift-filled shoeboxes to these children. Even though the club has just started back up, its future seems very bright.

Senior Search

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WILLIAMS

What is your favorite concert that you have been to?

Natalie Frey, 11, "A News Boys concert. Their music is really good."



What was your favorite childhood cartoon?

Jacob Sparks, 11, "Danny Phantom. He was like a ghost, and he could go through walls and stuff."



What are you looking forward to throughout high school?

Seth Murray, 7, "I'm looking forward to graduation."

