



# Bath County High School Update

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## From the Principal's Desk...

Hello again! It looks like spring is here, or just around the corner. You should have received, by now, a separate letter from school administration regarding some spring issues: dress code, cell phones, lunches, etc.

Standards of Learning tests are just around the corner! We will be preparing and practicing in April, especially at the end. Tests will be in May! Please make sure during the month of May that your students get sleep and are on a regular schedule. Please make sure they get a good breakfast, too! And be aware—they will be testy! We will do the tests (including our 3 hour Advanced Placement tests), as soon as we can.

School will continue after the tests. We still have SOL objectives to cover, and some projects that need to be completed. Do not allow your students to convince you that we are not doing anything after the tests. They will be working on projects and taking tests that will count toward their final grade in the class.

We are beginning the renovation project this week! The roofers are here, the construction company manager is on the premises, and roofing in the shop area has started. This is the start of a long 18 month, or more, renovation project. Some students, in the fall, will be in portables for about a year. More on this in our summer newsletter.

The construction company has assured us that they will cease construction during the day when we are completing our SOL's.

The School Board has set the graduation date: Friday, June 8, 7 p.m., at the high school auditorium. Senior/Capping Night will be on Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m.

The final day of school will be June 8. It is scheduled as a half day.

Good luck to all our students!  
Go Chargers!!



## SOL Test Taking Strategies

As you know, SOL's (Standards of Learning) are just around the corner. Following the SOL's will be the Final Exams. Below you will find some helpful tips on how you can help your student prepare for these exams. Remember, this is an ongoing process! Students should be studying every night if they hope to perform their best!

### Prior to the Exam

- Try and study a little each day instead of "cramming" the night before.
- Review the material more than once.
- Use practice questions in the textbook.
- Make flashcards to help remember key words or phrases.
- Have your child try and teach you the concept they are being tested on.
- Ensure that your child has enough sleep and has breakfast on the day of the exam.

### On The Day of the Exam

- Listen closely to the instruction read by the teacher about exam procedures.
- Ask the teacher to explain any instruction which is not understood.
- Use scratch paper provided to help jot down any memory aids as you are testing.
- Answer the questions you know first and go back and review the harder ones.
- Use the process of elimination with multiple choice questions to help select the best answer by eliminating the choices which are clearly incorrect.
- Read the whole question, and try and answer the question before picking the correct choice. Then select the choice that matches your answer closest.

## Grant for Scholarship Fund

Thanks to the efforts of Patty Reynolds of Low Moor Country Store at Low Moor, Virginia, Bath County High School has been awarded a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant for the Mertz Career and Technical Center's Scholarship Fund. The money will be used to help the recipient of the scholarship pay college tuition and/or book expenses. Funded by the Exxon Mobil Corporation, the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program is designed to provide ExxonMobil retailers, like Low Moor Country Store, with an opportunity to invest in the future of their community through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

## Bath County Agriculture Classes and FFA News

BCHS Agriculture classes and FFA collected new and used household and pet items for donations to the Virginia Wildlife Center in Waynesboro. The collection was held during the entire month of February in honor of Career and Technical Education Month and National FFA Week, February 17-24. Boxes were placed in homerooms and other locations throughout the school, and all collected items will be delivered during a field trip to the Center the latter part of March. Mr. Williams' homeroom collected the most and will be rewarded with free ice cream coupons, courtesy of the FFA.

Valentine's Day marked the first ever corsage sale at BCHS. Students in Mrs. Hardbarger's Exploratory and 1<sup>st</sup> period classes made silk corsages, small bouquets, and boutonnières, which were sold to faculty and students at BCHS and Millboro Elementary School. Classes are planning to offer small Easter flower arrangements for sale during the two-week period prior to spring break. Information will be made available prior to March 23.

All ag classes are growing garden plants from seeds—watermelon, tomatoes, cantaloupe, peppers, cucumbers, yellow squash, zucchini, lettuce, and onions—as part of their learning experiences and will have the opportunity to take them home to plant in their own gardens.

The baseball and softball fields received “spring cleaning” with some assistance from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> ag classes. Students raked and groomed the fields under Mr. Dent's direction and will continue to assist the athletic department with grounds maintenance throughout the remainder of the season. Josh Burke, Dalton Propst, and Casey McAllister have been asked to provide regular support.



## FBLA

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) recently competed in Business and Information Technology areas for the Virginia Western Community College Region (VWCC). The Region encompasses 30 schools ranging from Single A to AAA. Some members took skills tests while others took standardized tests on-line. Rankings were announced at the annual FBLA Spring Conference held at VWCC where competitors, club officers, and Leadership students attended.

## FBLA Regional Competition Winners

Justine Pasco & Anthony Frady	1 <sup>st</sup>	Desktop Publishing
Neal Chestnut	1 <sup>st</sup>	Introduction to Business
Alexis Rosenberg	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Business Communications
Jessica Philpott	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Accounting I
Eli Sprouse	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Economics
Angela Ryder	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Job Interview
Darla Hise	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Word Processing II
Joey Pritt	4 <sup>th</sup>	Business Calculations
Jamison Strasser	4 <sup>th</sup>	Business Math
Jim King	4 <sup>th</sup>	Intro. To Technology Concepts
James LaCour	4 <sup>th</sup>	Technology Concepts
Andie Rosenberg	5 <sup>th</sup>	Word Processing

The Bath County High School FBLA Chapter received an award for being the *third* largest in the region.

First and second place winners are eligible to compete at the FBLA State Convention, March 30-April 1, at Reston, Virginia, which will be attended by eight FBLA students, along with advisers, Mrs. Jane McMullen and Mrs. Donna Waldrup.



## FCCLA

FCCLA had a successful Vera Bradley Bingo after many weeks of snow cancellations. A large crowd experienced the first annual bingo game with over \$1400 of prizes given away. We held a special raffle for the proceeds to go towards Relay for Life, so we will be presenting Bath County Relay for Life with a donation. We thank players and sponsors of our prizes, and look for it again during the fall. Six members will attend the State Leadership Conference in April. They are: Blake Reese, competing in the Breads STAR event; Casey McAllister, in Show Pieces; and Michelle Colaw will enter a decorated cake. A team of John Barden, Tommy Shaver, and Cory Plecker will cook live for the judges. Students are eligible for medals, trophies, and scholarships to Culinary Schools.

## BCHS Band

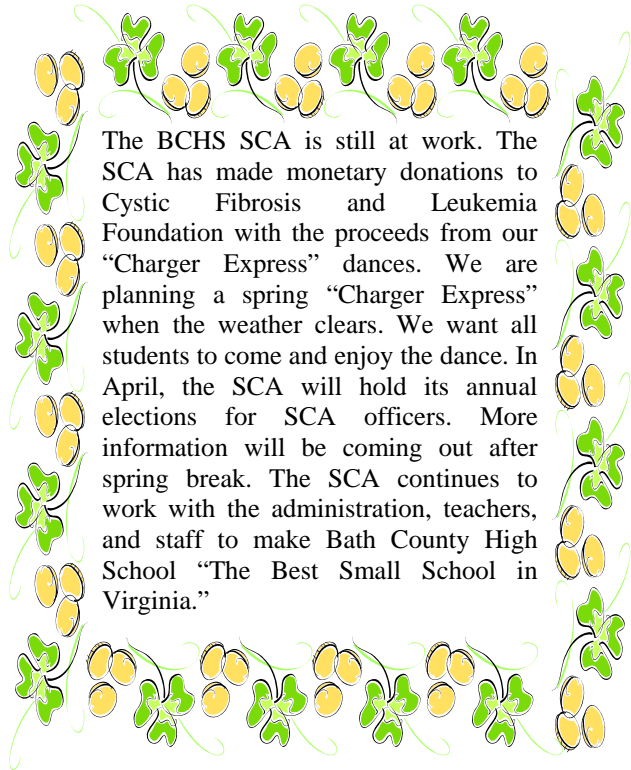
The BCHS Band traveled to Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL, February 23-28. In October, the band sent in an audition tape to Disney Magic Music Days requesting a performance opportunity in The Magic Kingdom. Our audition tape was accepted, and we were set up to perform in the Disney Dreams Come True Parade, on Sunday, February 25. After a great deal of preparation, the students marched down Main Street, right in front of Cinderella's Castle, for a crowd of over 49,000. It was truly the performance of a lifetime! The students spent an afternoon at Cocoa Beach and Ron Jon's Surf Shop! The band had a fabulous trip! Upcoming band events include color guard auditions, Brass V Concert (March 23<sup>rd</sup>), spring concert and drumline auditions.



## From The Art Room:

Students in Art I, II, III and IV recently completed a ceramic tile project. The project was under the instruction of Mrs. Diana Ray who was funded through the Bath County Arts Association. Mr. Billy Jackson and his students created frames for the 6" x 6" tiles. The colorful tiles are on display in the upper atrium showcase.

Students will begin painting on silk the final 9 weeks. Small sculptures and jewelry will also be created. Preparation for the Art Show/Band Concert, May 31, is also underway. The students will be heading for Roanoke in late May for an Art Field Trip.



The BCHS SCA is still at work. The SCA has made monetary donations to Cystic Fibrosis and Leukemia Foundation with the proceeds from our "Charger Express" dances. We are planning a spring "Charger Express" when the weather clears. We want all students to come and enjoy the dance. In April, the SCA will hold its annual elections for SCA officers. More information will be coming out after spring break. The SCA continues to work with the administration, teachers, and staff to make Bath County High School "The Best Small School in Virginia."

## BCHS Academic Bowl Team News

From "You're Beautiful" to the Avatars of Vishnu, and Jacob's wives to the Endangered Species Act, there was an extremely wide spectrum of questions tossed upon the BCHS Academic Team in the Pioneer District Scholastic Bowl on Feb. 3. Each round was comprised of 30 toss-up questions, and 20 directed questions where each group worked as a team to come up with an answer. The BCHS Team placed third with a victory over Covington, and a loss to Parry McCluer, the District Champions. The Highland Team won both its rounds, and came in second with 305 total points. Bath followed with a score of 265, winning one round. Winner Parry McCluer scored 365 points.

The team would like to thank: our judges, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Dent, Mrs. Hardbarger, and Mrs. Fry; the quizmasters, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Waldrup; and Mrs. Wright for providing refreshments. We would also like to thank our outstanding coach and organizer, Olivia Haney.



At the Region C tournament the following weekend, Highland participated in a double-elimination competition, but fell to Radford (regional champion) and Parry McCluer in the end.



# Spring Sports

## Girl's Soccer

The Varsity Girl's Soccer team consists of the following:

### Seniors

Beth Vincent  
Sarah DiFlorio  
Karen Garzon

### Sophomores

Laura Schneider  
Victoria Horne  
Morgan Adams  
Shelby Turner  
Morgan Lindsay  
Maddie O'Cull

### Juniors

Justine Pasco  
Jessica Philpott  
Maggie Woodzell  
Mary-Jo Woodzell  
Caitlin Anderson

### Freshmen

Sara Philpott  
Mimi Adams  
Carey Trimble

We've got the basis for a solid program. Everybody is returning from last year, and we have 10 eighth graders. We will have a girl's JV team for the first time.

Last year was tough, but with our experience and larger team (giving us more subs and practice opportunities), we should do much better this year. We have mainly been playing AA teams, and we've had a hard time matching up with them. This year, Parry McCluer and James River have girl's teams. It will be good to have some competition at our level.



We've got a lot of work to do, but the girls are enthusiastic and are learning fast. We are definitely more skilled and aggressive than last year. Everybody's looking forward to this season.

## Boy's Soccer

The season began on Feb. 19 with Coach Dave McGee's indoor fitness training sessions, and progressed to field work as the precipitation slowed down. For the first time in the game, the team did well with points. Two victories were obtained on Saturday, March 10, 2-0 against Glenvar, and 4-1 against Ft. Chiswell. The season opened with a loss, with a score of 2-1, against Buffalo Gap, and a 3-1 loss against Wilson Memorial. This is how we opened the season last year as district champs. There are several games before the district play begins, and there is plenty of time to improve in both skill and teamwork.

### Team members:

#### Seniors

Alex Cauley  
Joe Haney  
George Hicklin  
Whitney Lacks  
Cody Nelson  
Derek Woodzell

#### Juniors

Alex Haney  
James LaCour  
Blake Reese  
Michael Simmons  
Eli Sprouse  
Tony Walters

### Sophomores

Jamie Bryan  
Gates Herscher  
Jim King  
Justin Lindsay

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ryan Schneider

### Freshmen

James Andes  
Andrew Lacks  
Zech Horne  
Chris Turner  
Ian Walker

### Coaches:

Urs Muller and  
Dave McGee

## Varsity Girl's Softball

Whitney Colvin  
Kelly Hodge  
Michelle Colaw  
Chelsi Lowry  
Jamee Vestal  
Bonnie Randozzo  
Sam Whitson  
Heidi Smith  
Santana Strickler  
Rebecca Chaplin  
Melissa Harold  
Allison Sharp



Coaches: Lisa Hamilton  
Assistant: Dee Dee Broce

"We hope to play strong defense behind lead pitcher, Michelle Colaw. We also have many experienced returnees in the infield and hopefully, strong bats!" By: Varsity Coach Lisa Hamilton

## JV Girl's Softball

Samantha Ingram  
Frances Arline  
Andie Rosenberg  
Erica Plecker  
Beth Gentry  
Allyson Ryder  
Samantha Shifflett

Autumn Cutlip  
Holly Nichols  
Hannah Robertson  
Emily Bartley  
Hannah Shifflett  
Kortni Lindsay  
Coach: Kari Everett

## Girl's Tennis

Emily Adams  
Victoria Baughan  
Julie Brinkley  
Stephanie Bryan  
Katelyn Cox  
Angel Dunnagan  
Jessica Gutting

Josie Peery  
Angel Quantz  
Sommer Quantz  
Kirsten Richardson  
Alexis Rosenberg  
Angela Ryder

## Boy's Baseball



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