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Beal City Public Schools DAR Student for 2014-2015

The faculty and senior class of Beal City High School are proud to announce Nicholas Pung as their DAR Good Citizen recipient for the 2014-2015 school year. The selection process for the DAR Good Citizen is based on the qualities of Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

Throughout his high school career, Nick has been involved in NHS, YIG, Student Council, Spanish Club, LAB (Learning About Business), BPA, and Peer-to-Peer. He also participates in track and cross country.

Nick was nominated by the high school faculty and then selected through a voting process by his classmates. He is the son of Dan and Sue Pung. Nick plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to major in Business Administration, later pursuing a major in Business Law.

Beal City Public Schools Receives Tribal Grants

Beal City Public Schools recently was awarded \$106,255.98 in tribal grants. A huge thank you goes out to our Native American students and their parents for their support and communication with the tribe over the last few months. This was one of our largest checks yet. THANK YOU Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for all you do for our school and Isabella County.

The largest grant was \$82,498.00 for our Elementary Playground project. This grant was written by Theresa Lamborn with help from Jason Wolf.

Other grants written and received are as follows:

\$1,660.00 Aarron Butkovich for Mobile AED replacement

\$157.98 Venna Cole for Drawing into Writing in Kindergarten

\$1,786.00 Mary Kattreh and Brandi Snyder for Pow Wow field trip

\$2,845.00 Jessica Spry for Natural Resources Textbooks

\$2,309.00 Scott Leppert for Science Textbooks replacements

\$15,000.00 Sara Doyle for Algebra Textbooks

Congratulations to all the people who received grants and thank you for your efforts to all staff members who wrote grants.



****Staff Member of the Month****

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all staff members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor a staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Jennifer Ames.

Jennifer was hired in October to drive bus for Beal City Schools and was a sub bus driver prior to that. She also volunteers for the district in many other ways. We see her smiling face regularly in the Elementary where she volunteers in classrooms and also subs for Para-Pros. She is the President of the PTA and is a member of the Beal City Athletic Association. Jennifer along with other PTA members and volunteers just got done running a book fair which was a huge success and selling pies which is the PTA's only fundraiser throughout the year. Thank you Jennifer for everything you do for Beal City Public Schools.

Feature Staff Person

Beal City Schools would like to introduce G'ne Holt as our Middle School English Teacher. G'ne graduated from Reed City High School and Ferris State University. She has worked at Ferris State University, at the Dairy Depot, and at the Big Rapids Holiday Inn.

Her favorite foods are sushi, lasagna, and venison cooked anyway. She enjoys hiking, weight lifting, and running. Her favorite sports are soccer, cross country, dance and watching Bulldog Hockey. Her favorite books include; Pride and Prejudice, The Kite Runner, Life of Pi and Things Fall Apart. Her favorite music is Country Music and Classic Rock. In her spare time she enjoys the Arts and Theatre, especially Shakespeare, as well as sewing, cooking, and cleaning.

In her travels she has visited 35 of the 50 states, as well as Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas. Her highlights for the year have been accepting her first teaching position, visiting Chicago for the first time and going to concerts this summer. She plans to travel to Italy next summer and will also be starting her Master's Program. Welcome Ms. Holt!!!





Apple Crunch Challenge

The Apple Crunch Challenge took place on October 24th and was a huge success! We had 747 students, staff and parents participate in eating a Michigan apple for food day! The apples were provided by Hearty Harvest and the Aggie Café. The total count across the State of Michigan so far, is 225,747!!! We are planning to make this an annual event giving everyone the opportunity to come together and enjoy local fruit!

Christmas Outreach

Mayes Elementary students and staff will again be collecting items for the Isabella County Christmas Outreach program to benefit needy families in our community. Students should have brought home a list of new toys, toiletries, and school supplies as suggested items needed to fill our classroom Christmas stockings. Please do not wrap these items. This is strictly a voluntary program. If you are able to donate items, please send them to school by Thursday morning, December 11th. We appreciate your generosity at this special time of year.

Mayes Elementary OCTOBER Students' of the Month



Back Row Left to Right, Dakota Camp (5th grade) son of Robert and Jodi Camp, Breanna Pety (6th Grade) daughter of Steven Pety and Janel Zuker, and Kade Keller (4th Grade) son of Eric and Karen Keller. Front Row Left to Right, Cayden Smith (3rd Grade) son of Rick and Ann Smith, Bradyn Woodbury (2nd Grade) son of Michael Woodbury and Amanda Hartupee, Micah Lehnert (Kdg.) son of David and Amy Lehnert, and Kelsey Straus (1st Grade) daughter of Dottie Straus.

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on November 17, 2014:

- General Fund payments of \$425,612.94, Hot Lunch payments of \$13,081.80, Athletic Fund payments of \$4,091.42, Debt Retirement 2012 payments of \$17,353.50, Debt Retirement 2004 payments of 24,381.87 and Debt Retirement School Bond Loan Fund payments of \$15,429.00.
- The hiring of G'ne Holt as a Middle School English Teacher.
- The Best Practices Resolution as presented.
- The sending out of an RFP for snow plowing. There were no bids submitted.
- The following coaching recommendations as presented: Jamie Farrell – Voluntary Boys Basketball, Emily Rambo – Voluntary Cheer, and Ashley Brown – Voluntary Girls Basketball
- 1st reading of the Neola Policies.

To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please see the Beal City website. Click on District Info, Board of Education, then click on the Board of Education on the left hand side to receive a menu. From there click on Meeting.



Spanish Club Heads to Detroit

For the first time ever, some of our Beal City Spanish Club members were able to go to the Detroit Institute of Art. The art institute has an exhibit every year celebrating the Spanish holiday Día de los Muertos. The DIA, allows artists to submit their own ofrendas, (altars) for the exhibit. These ofrendas are a significant aspect to the holiday.

Día de los Muertos is a holiday that is traditionally celebrated from October 31-November 2. It is a holiday that combines the indigenous traditions of harvest celebrations with the Spanish Catholic traditions of All Saints Day. This combined holiday has a variety of aspects including creating alters to remember those that have died, food, parades, and much more. These alters are called ofrendas. Our students were able to see a variety of artistic interpretations of ofrendas.

Our students were also able to spend a great deal of time learning about the history of Detroit through the murals of Diego Rivera and his murals depicting the auto industry. Diego Rivera was a Mexican muralist that was commissioned to paint the murals in the Detroit Institute of Art in the early 1930's. It took him less than 1 year to complete the room.

Finally, we went to Mexican town for lunch and ended our excursion at a local bakery. Students were able to try traditional foods and practice some of their Spanish skills. A special thanks to Nancy Worgess and Alejandra Loomis for chaperoning our trip. We had a great time.



Spanish Classes Look at Dia de los Muertos

Our Beal City Spanish classes learned about the Spanish holiday traditions surrounding Día de los Muertos. Some of us were able to see the animated film, Book of Life, at Celebration Cinema on October 30. Some students decided to take that one step further and make Pan de los Muertos, Dead Bread, for extra credit. The bread is a traditional recipe served during the holidays.

Students that made bread were, Natalie Finnerty, Stephanie Ley, Ciara Lawens, Nathan Finnerty, Easton Straus, Bekah Raitz, and Nick Phelps.

First Semester Honor Roll

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| 4.00 GPA | | 3.5 - 3.99 GPA Cont. | | 3.5 - 3.99 GPA Cont | | 3.5 - 3.99 GPA Cont | |
| Fowler, Brittany | 12 | Fraczek, Heather | 12 | McMullen, Amanda | 9 | Schafer, Jack | 7 |
| Gottschalk, Kaitlyn | 12 | Hines, Mariah | 12 | Nelson, Max | 9 | Schafer, Seth | 7 |
| Gross, Nicole | 12 | Horsley, Maxwell | 12 | Raitz, Rebekah | 9 | Schafer, Ty | 7 |
| Hauck, Cortni | 12 | Kolb, James | 12 | Schumacher, Lucas | 9 | Small, Trey | 7 |
| Hauck, Emily | 12 | McCoy, Brooke | 12 | Schwerin, Charles | 9 | Upton, Sidney | 7 |
| Holland, Jessica | 12 | Millard, Kaitlyn | 12 | Steffke, Isabelle | 9 | Wilson, Aleisha | 7 |
| Horsley, Jacob | 12 | Mottin, Shelby | 12 | Turner, Lauren | 9 | 3.0 - 3.49 GPA | |
| Lorenz, Sydney | 12 | Natzel, Zachary | 12 | Yuncker, Mackenzie | 9 | Atkinson, Paige | 12 |
| Matthews, Alexander | 12 | Neyer, Hayley | 12 | Ambs, Ryan | 8 | Bellinger, Zachary | 12 |
| Murphy, Nicholle | 12 | Schafer, Alexander | 12 | Case, Austin | 8 | Cook, Austin | 12 |
| Pung, Nicholas | 12 | Schafer, Emily | 12 | Coston, Kristen | 8 | Cotter, Noah | 12 |
| Steffke, Emily | 12 | Schafer, Grace | 12 | Cross, Izybel | 8 | Fussman, Thomas | 12 |
| Chilman, William | 11 | Schafer, Sara | 12 | Eiseler, Alexandria | 8 | Hovey, Jacob | 12 |
| Gross, Tucker | 11 | Schneider, Jordan | 12 | Esch, Kolbi | 8 | Lefere, Josie | 12 |
| Pung, Rachel | 11 | Schumacher, Brittany | 12 | Fillenworth, Jordyn | 8 | Rousseau, Emily | 12 |
| Schripsema, Emily | 11 | Schwerin, Rachel | 12 | Fussman, Alexandria | 8 | Schafer, Alexander | 12 |
| Steffke, Hannah | 11 | Sharrar, Karleen | 12 | Fussman, Mitchell | 8 | Straus, Mason | 12 |
| Vavzincak, Phoenix | 11 | Yuncker, Ryan | 12 | Garrett, Grant | 8 | Theisen, Jenna | 12 |
| Fike, Madeline | 10 | Zeien, Kyle | 12 | Haynes, Keegan | 8 | Woodbury, Jaclyn | 12 |
| Garrett, Samantha | 10 | Beltinck, Lauren | 11 | Hoover, Kylea | 8 | Yuncker, Makaila | 12 |
| Gross, Natalie | 10 | Carson, Hailey | 11 | Jaessing, Chloe | 8 | Baker, Bailey | 11 |
| Hauck, Erica | 10 | Esch, Andrea | 11 | Licina, Emma | 8 | Bellmer, Karina | 11 |
| Horsley, Nathan | 10 | Hoogerhyde, Ian | 11 | Lorenz, Anna | 8 | Burman, Aubrey | 11 |
| Powell, Ryan | 10 | Lorenz, Paige | 11 | Lybeer, Kara | 8 | Flaugher, Kendall | 11 |
| Rau, Grace | 10 | Lynch, Alexia | 11 | Mishler, Zoey | 8 | Jensen, Katelyn | 11 |
| Reihl, David | 10 | Matthews, Jacob | 11 | Moody, Faith | 8 | Lorenz, Sarah | 11 |
| Beltinck, Rachel | 9 | Moore, Bradley | 11 | Mowen, Haley | 8 | Marchiando, Joseph | 11 |
| Freeze, Nicholas | 9 | Nelson, Kaylee | 11 | Neyer, Thomas | 8 | Mauldin, Shawn | 11 |
| Lorenz, Madison | 9 | Pung, Kayla | 11 | Powell, Elizabeth | 8 | Plummer-Diaz, Loura | 11 |
| Matthews, Caitlyn | 9 | Reihl, Sarah | 11 | Pung, Adam | 8 | Schafer, Ethan | 11 |
| McCoy, Wyatt | 9 | Rollin, Chase | 11 | Reihl, Kayla | 8 | Schafer, Noah | 11 |
| Reihl, Ashley | 9 | Schafer, Apollo | 11 | Sandel, Kyle | 8 | Cole, Navid | 10 |
| Steffke, Madeline | 9 | Schafer, Eric | 11 | Schafer, Daniel | 8 | Cotter, Nathan | 10 |
| Trevino, Shelby | 9 | Steffke, Lilia | 11 | Schafer, Noel | 8 | Faber, Brenda | 10 |
| Clark, Joe | 8 | Steffke, Samuel | 11 | Small, Trevor | 8 | Finnerty, Natalie | 10 |
| Daniels, Katharine | 8 | Yuncker, Emma | 11 | Torpey, Cody | 8 | Gott, Tristin | 10 |
| Ehler, Emilie | 8 | Eiseler, McKenzie | 10 | Vavzincak, Blade | 8 | Hohlbein, Jacob | 10 |
| Fike, Kennedy | 8 | Hood, Kristen | 10 | Whitehead, Brennen | 8 | Keller, Kodie | 10 |
| Gottleber, Jadrian | 8 | Ley, Stephanie | 10 | Yuncker, Valerie | 8 | Kotecki, Nicholas | 10 |
| Lynch, Dexter | 8 | Maxon, Eric | 10 | Zeien, Megan | 8 | Lawens, Ciara | 10 |
| Mindel, Grace | 8 | Neyer, Heidie | 10 | Armstrong, Jourdyn | 7 | McMullen, Haley | 10 |
| Pasch, Kelsey | 8 | Salter, Ariel | 10 | Benaske, Alex | 7 | Schneider, Mackenzie | 10 |
| Schwerin, Amy | 8 | Salvatore, Keaton | 10 | Bushong, Sara | 7 | Schumacher, Darrik | 10 |
| Wilson, Kendyl | 8 | Schafer, Hannah | 10 | Chilman, Logan | 7 | Scott, William | 10 |
| Yoder, Katlyn | 8 | Schafer, Landon | 10 | De Vos, Wannas | 7 | Smith, Tristan | 10 |
| Zeneberg, Zoey | 8 | Schafer, Nicholas | 10 | Faber, Eric | 7 | Whitehead, Alec | 10 |
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| Aasved, Breanna | 12 | Zuehlke, Zoe | 10 | Gamble, Gabrielle | 7 | Garrett, Paxton | 9 |
| Atkinson, Andrew | 12 | Andrews, Mahealani | 9 | Gottschalk, Jared | 7 | Hernandez, TeAnna | 9 |
| Bellinger, Zina | 12 | Clark, Jason | 9 | Hines, Ryleigh | 7 | Natzel, Gabriel | 9 |
| Burman, Makenzy | 12 | Clouse, Spencer | 9 | Lorenz, Shane | 7 | Reihl, Nathaniel | 9 |
| Carrick, Brendan | 12 | Darnell, Tyler | 9 | Lyon, Jay | 7 | Render, Brenden | 9 |
| Faber, Krista | 12 | Hodges, Rebecca | 9 | Nelson, Olivia | 7 | Schafer, Aaron | 9 |
| Farrell, Luke | 12 | Lambourn, William | 9 | Pasch, Lauren | 7 | Schafer, Ryan | 9 |
| Flaugher, Jacob | 12 | Lefere, Rachael | 9 | Puhlman, Allison | 7 | Sharrar, Kollin | 9 |
| Fox, Nicole | 12 | Loos, Andie | 9 | Reihl, Nathan | 7 | Vondoloski, Miles | 9 |

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| Yoder, Zachary | 9 | Darnell, Travis | 7 | Salter, Hayden | 7 |
| Beltinck, Jason | 8 | Embs, Nicholas | 7 | Schripsema, Chelsea | 7 |
| Carrier, Samantha | 8 | Faber, Heather | 7 | Seger, Cierra | 7 |
| Fox, Samuel | 8 | Fillenworth, Lyndsey | 7 | Smith, Chase | 7 |
| Fussman, Spencer | 8 | Finnerty, Nicholas | 7 | Yuncker, Easton | 7 |
| Hall, Jillian | 8 | Finnerty, Robert | 7 | Zuker, Marcus | 7 |
| Haupt, Amanda | 8 | Garrett, Breanna | 7 | | |
| Hodges, Nathan | 8 | Keller, Kohl | 7 | | |
| Martin, Charity | 8 | Mayer, Raymond | 7 | | |
| Paul, Hazel | 8 | Methner, Jakob | 7 | | |
| Shaner, Brenden | 8 | Methner, William | 7 | | |
| Stevens, Melanie | 8 | Meyers, Grace | 7 | | |
| Taylor, Alexander | 8 | Neath, Talon | 7 | | |
| Wichert, Ethan | 8 | Paul, Ivan | 7 | | |
| Wilson, Nathan | 8 | Purgiel, Gavin | 7 | | |



School Breakfast Facts

A great breakfast program is offered at school every day!

Here are some fun facts about school breakfast:

- It's easy! Instead of running around in the morning trying to make sure your children eat a healthy meal, let us do the work. They can get a great breakfast at school, and there will be no dishes for you to wash!
- It's affordable! If qualified, your child may be able to get breakfast at a reduced price or for free. If your child already eats a free or reduced price lunch, they automatically qualify for a free or reduced price breakfast.
- It's tasty! Schools now have more variety to choose from when deciding what to offer your children for breakfast. Request a menu so you can view what your child may be eating at school.
- It's good for the brain! Research suggests that not having breakfast can affect children's intellectual performance (CDC).

Project PALS

A lot of Pilgrims, Native Americans, and even turkeys were spotted roaming the halls of Mayes Elementary School on Tuesday, November 25th! Our second grade students and their high school mentors presented their annual Project PALS Thanksgiving program and dinner. Thanks to the food service staff for a delicious home-cooked turkey dinner and the high school PALS for helping with serving the food. They served over 200 family members and students. All of this would not be possible without the outstanding efforts of the following Beal City teachers: Ms. Kelli Deters, Mrs. Carrie Smith and Ms. Jessi Spry.

Holiday Program

Mark your calendars now for the annual Mayes Elementary Holiday Program to be held on Friday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the small gym. The Senior Citizens Reception will take place in the gym before the program at 12:30 p.m. All families and community members are invited to attend this spectacular songfest!

Freshman Boys Basketball

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| Mon. Dec. 8 | 6:00 p.m. | @Big Rapids |
| Wed. Dec. 10 | 4:30 p.m. | Clare |
| Tues. Dec. 16 | 4:30 p.m. | Saginaw Nouvel |
| Fri. Dec. 19 | 4:30 p.m. | SHA |
| Tues. Jan 6 | 5:00 p.m. | Fowler |
| Tues. Jan 13 | 4:30 p.m. | @Fulton |
| Thurs. Jan. 15 | 4:00 p.m. | @Chippewa Hills |
| Tues. Jan 20 | 6:00 p.m. | @Roscommon |
| Thurs. Jan. 22 | 6:00 p.m. | Gladwin |
| Mon. Jan 26 | 5:30 p.m. | Big Rapids |
| Wed. Feb 4 | 6:00 p.m. | @Gladwin |
| Fri. Feb. 6 | 4:30 p.m. | Roscommon |
| Mon. Feb. 9 | 4:30 p.m. | @SHA |
| Wed. Feb. 11 | 4:30 p.m. | @Fowler |
| Fri. Feb. 13 | 4:30 p.m. | @Clare |
| Fri. Feb. 20 | 4:15 p.m. | Fulton |
| Thurs. Feb 26 | 4:00 p.m. | Chippewa Hills |

JV/Varsity Girls Basketball

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| Tues. Dec 2 | 6:00 p.m. | @Morley |
| | | Stanwood |
| Fri. Dec 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Pewamo- |
| | | Westphalia |
| Tues. Dec. 9 | 6:00 p.m. | @SHA |
| Wed. Dec. 17 | 6:00 p.m. | McBain |
| Fri. Dec. 19 | 6:00 p.m. | @Ewart |
| Tues. Jan. 6 | 6:00 p.m. | @Montabella |
| Thurs. Jan 8 | 6:00 p.m. | McBain NMC |
| Tues. Jan 13 | 6:00 p.m. | @Marion |
| Fri. Jan 16 | 6:00 p.m. | Manton |
| Mon. Jan. 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Clare |
| Thurs. Jan. 22 | 6:00 p.m. | @Pine River |
| Tues. Jan 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Lake City |
| Fri. Jan. 30 | 6:00 p.m. | @McBain |
| Mon. Feb. 2 | 6:00 p.m. | SHA |
| Thurs. Feb. 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Ewart |
| Tues. Feb. 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Marion |
| Fri. Feb. 13 | 6:00 p.m. | @McBain NMC |
| Thurs. Feb 19 | 4:30 p.m. | @Manton |
| Tues. Feb 24 | 6:00 p.m. | @Lake City |
| Fri. Feb. 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Pine River |

JV/V Boys Basketball

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| Wed. Dec. 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Clare |
| Fri. Dec 12 | 6:00 p.m. | @New Lothrop |
| Tues. Dec. 16 | 6:00 p.m. | Saginaw Nouvel |
| Fri. Dec. 19 | 6:00 p.m. | SHA |
| Tues. Jan 6 | 6:00 p.m. | @McBain |
| Fri. Jan 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Ewart |
| Mon. Jan 12 | 6:00 p.m. | @Carson City Crystal |
| Thurs. Jan 15 | 6:00 p.m. | @McBain NMC |
| Tues. Jan. 20 | 6:00 p.m. | Marion |
| Fri. Jan 23 | 6:00 p.m. | @Manton |
| Thurs. Jan 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Pine River |
| Tues. Feb. 3 | 6:00 p.m. | @Lake City |
| Fri. Feb 6 | 6:00 p.m. | McBain |
| Mon. Feb 9 | 6:00 p.m. | @SHA |
| Thurs. Feb 12 | 6:00 p.m. | @Ewart |
| Tues. Feb. 17 | 6:00 p.m. | @Marion |
| Fri. Feb. 20 | 6:00 p.m. | McBain NMC |
| Thurs. Feb. 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Manton |
| Tues. Mar 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Lake City |
| Thurs. Mar 5 | 6:00 p.m. | @Pine River |

Winter Sports Schedule



December 2014

Beal City Schools Breakfast Menu



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1
assorted pop tarts, cereal, muffins, uncrustables, cinnamon apple stick, and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk

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22 Christmas Break

23 NO School

24 NO School

25 NO School

26 NO School

29 NO School

30 NO School

31 NO School

News
Have a happy winter break!!

SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

Research shows most successful students network with teachers, actively engage and get involved in some type of organization, and utilize resources available to them like tutoring and following five simple steps:

1. Get to class on time
2. Be prepared for class
3. Participate in class
4. Turn work in on-time
5. Study when not in school

Time management is a huge part of being successful. Being organized can lead to more efficient production.

For instance:

- A. Create a weekly plan on a calendar
- B. Organize your activities using a daily list
- C. Prioritize what should be completed first and get it done
- D. Do not procrastinate
 1. Consequences of procrastinating = Impact on other priorities / Lower grades / Stress & Anxiety
 2. Rewards of not procrastinating = Lower Stress & Anxiety / Time to do more of what you enjoy / Better grades

How to manage test anxiety:

- **Be prepared** – Don't leave studying until the night before. Studying and reviewing everyday will help you learn and remember the material easily. Also, talking with your teacher will help you determine the best way to focus and learn the material.
- **Use a Routine** – Whether it is doing the test backwards, writing the essay first, or looking through the test completely, divide your time adequately, do all the questions you know first. Do what works for you!
- **Avoid downers** – “There is too much material to learn” “The questions are too hard” “The teacher never gives A's” Make decisions with an open mind.
- **Don't Cheat** – Spend your time preparing and actually learning the material.
- **Find ways to relieve stress** – School is a fact of life, so prepare and work hard. Exercise, Mediate, Take study breaks, and make learning fun!

What type of learner are you?

- **VISUAL** = Learns best using maps, diagrams, charts, graphs, flow charts, etc. Does not include movies, videos, or PowerPoint. They use designs, patterns and shapes to help highlight and convey information.

- **MULTI-MODAL** = Learners who do not have a standout mode with one preference above another. These students prefer different options in how they give and receive information (they need differentiated instruction).
- **AUDITORY** = Learns best receiving information that is heard or spoken. Students like lectures, tutorials, tapes, group discussion, email, web chats, etc. Includes talking out loud and or talking to self. Students often want to sort things out by speaking.
- **KINESTHETIC** = Learns best by moving, doing, and touching. Students may like to take notes for the sake of doing something. They may use color highlighters and take notes by drawing pictures, diagrams and doodling. They may find it difficult to sit still for long periods of time.
- **READING / WRITING** = Learns best when information is displayed as words. Strongly used in college. Emphasizes text-based input and output. These people love lists, PowerPoint, Internet, Dictionaries, Quotations, etc.

Master studying by studying smarter, not harder.

1. **Be active.** Ask yourself questions, review your notes regularly and discuss key concepts with peers and/or your teacher.
2. **Find a study location** with characteristics you prefer (e.g. music, friends, temperature, food, etc.)
3. **Study in chunks.** Focus for 30-50 minute periods followed by a short 5-10 minute break.

PTA HAPPENINGS

There are a lot of exciting things going on with the PTA right now. Our float that we had in the homecoming parade this year helped promote the playground project. Thank you to Gary Seymore, Rick Cotter and Pohl Dairy Farm for making this possible.

Another big thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make the Apple Pie Fundraiser a huge success. We couldn't make it happen without you.

The Fall Book Fair had near record sales. We were able to give each elementary teacher, the two resource rooms, and the preschool \$100.00 in free books, along with \$200.00 in free books to the RTI room and library.

We will be doing the Santa Shop on December 11, 2014 for the elementary students and will be providing cookies and drinks for the senior citizens at the Christmas Program on December 12, 2014.

We are getting closer to our 1st Annual Snow Carnival on February 7, 2015, so save the date. All proceeds from the carnival will be going to the elementary playground project. Please come visit us at our meetings on the first Monday of every month @ 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Merry Christmas from the Beal City PTA!

2nd Annual Alumni Basketball Backyard Brawl

Sacred Heart vs. Beal City



Saturday, December 27, 2014
at the Beal City High School.

Alumni Players

We are looking for BC and SHA alumni basketball players! To register to play please contact one of the following individuals for registration details.

Pre-Register deadline is December 7, 2014.

SHA Contact Info.

Connie McCann: cmccann@sha.net; (989) 205-4686
Kelly Hansen Epple: khansen@sha.net (989) 205-4686
Dan Simons: DanS@michco.com (517) 719-3078

BC Contact Info.

Rebecca Salter: salte1ra@cmich.edu
Diane Fussman: dfussman@live.com
Todd Schafer: schaf1tf@cmich.edu; (989) 615-4176
Denise Schafer: schaf1de@cmich.edu; (989) 289-1108

Game Times

Doors Open @ 3:30p.m.

Women's Contest (Ages 18-34) 4:00 p.m.
Men's Contest (Ages 35+) 5:15 p.m.
Women's Contest (Ages 35+) 6:30 p.m.
Men's Contest (Ages 18-34) 7:45 p.m.

Highlights

- ◆ Alumni Singers for the National Anthem
 - ◆ Half-time Contests
 - ◆ T-Shirt Sales
 - ◆ Concessions
- AND MUCH MORE!

Pre-Sale Tickets & T-Shirts

Tickets and T-Shirts will be Pre-Sold at home sporting events the week of Dec. 15-19th

Pre-Sale Tickets are \$4.00
Children 5 & Under Free

At the Door Tickets & T-Shirts

Admission \$5.00
Children 5 & Under Free.

Proceeds benefit both schools' athletic programs



Financial Aid Night

FOR ALL COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS & SENIOR PAERNTS

January 14th @ 5:30pm in the HS Media Center
(back up weather date: January 15 @ 5:30pm)

Unsure how you will cover all the costs associated with college next year? You're not alone! Join us for a presentation by a financial aid representative from CMU on all things 'Financial Aid' that all college bound students & their parents should know no matter what college you're attending.



**RSVP to Mrs. Millerov
by January 9th**

smillerov@bealcityschools.net

989-644-3944

**All college bound seniors and
senior parents are strongly
encouraged to attend!**



Covered topics include

- How to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Information on grants, scholarships, loans & more
 - Helpful handouts as well as Q & A



BEAL CITY BANDS

"...in harmony with the home and community..."

MARCHING AGGIES!

Second Division Overall at MSBOA Marching Band Festival!
First Division from General Effect judge!

CMU OUTREACH

The Beal City Concert Band was fortunate to host **CMU students** enrolled in **MUS 230: Introduction to Music Education Methods** on Tuesday, November 18. This marks the **17th** visit by emerging music educators to our school. Dr. Allen brought 24 students to our campus to witness the learning and teaching that occurs in our classroom each day. Our students enjoy rubbing shoulders with talented musicians who bring their instruments and sit in and play with our ensemble during class! Following up, Mr. Lowe was invited to guest lecture in that class the following Thursday, November 20. A spirited discussion about music education methods and experiences was had by all participants.

Friday, November 21, **eleven Aggie musicians** participated in the annual **CMU Instrumental Workshop**. They were among the 450 high school students from around the state to participate in masterclasses, listen to performance and share important opportunities for musical growth with students and faculty at Central Michigan University. Another spectacular experience for these students, who will bring this knowledge and expertise back to Beal City!



CAROLS & CANDY CANES CONCERT

SUNDAY, DEC 7 - 4PM

PRACTICE RECORDS

REMINDER TO ALL 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE BAND FAMILIES: Practice Records are a weekly graded assignment that serves as a progress report for you and your student. They account for approximately **20%** of your child's grade in band class, and provides substantial reinforcement of classroom goals and measurable achievement. Please be certain your student is submitting these important assignments on a **weekly** basis.



DRUMBEAT

Be certain to check out the latest issue of the band newsletter, the Drumbeat, now available online at bealcitybands.weebly.com! Items include:

- Grade monitoring tools for parents and students
- House competition update
- Spirit shirt order forms
- Recommended brands of instruments and supplies for your student

MARCHING AGGIES

The Marching Aggies will be gearing up for another season sooner than you think! Important items to consider:

- **Color Guard:** Interested in joining the fastest growing section of our group? Please contact Mr. Lowe for more details; an organizational meeting will occur in January.
- **Plan now for Band Week 2015** - tentatively scheduled for Aug 3-7



STUDENT TEACHER UPDATES

- **Mr. Course** was recently hired as the new Director of Bands at Hamtramck HS in the Detroit area.
- **Mr. Vanclette** is employed as the Director of Bands at Huron MS in central California.



CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE BEAL CITY BANDS WEBSITE!

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ACT Test Prep Weekends for Students!

As you know, Beal City has implemented a new program through Career Cruising, called Method Test Prep. All Beal City students 6-12 grade have access to this new program and have received cards with their passwords, etc. The Beal City Education Foundation, together with the Beal City Education Association, would like to open up our computer lab on select weekends in January and February for students to have the opportunity to come in and work on ACT test prep. The dates are listed below. We strongly encourage our current **juniors** to utilize this time as they prepare for the ACT this March; however doors will be open to any high school student who wants to begin ACT prepping. Staff will be present to assist and supervise. Contact Mrs. Millerov at smillerov@bealcityschools.net with questions or for more information. Students **MUST** sign up prior to attending—there will be a sign up sheet posted on the Guidance Office door or you may email Mrs. Millerov to have your child's name put on the list. If no one signs up by the preceding Friday, the lab will not be open.

Saturday's 9-11am and Sunday's 6-8pm

January 17/18
January 24/25
January 31
February 7/8
February 15
February 21/22
February 28/1st

The logo for ACT (American College Testing) is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters 'A', 'C', and 'T' are connected, with a red swoosh underlining the 'A' and 'C'.