



Staff UPDATE

December 2007

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Bastrop Independent School District

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Season's Greetings from the Superintendent



Roderick Emanuel

With the first part of our academic year coming to a close, I'd like to take a moment to wish each of you a joyous and peaceful season.

I pray that your time with family and friends proves restful and renewing.

In this year, we have seen great things in Bastrop ISD. We have known times of sorrow and uncertainty, and days of great victory. Through it all, we cling to the threads of purpose that unite us...the students we serve.

I have watched as our district has changed due to great growth during 2007, always aware of how you've dealt with the change, and I am encouraged by your support during the

process. As we look toward the work ahead of us in 2008, I am confident that our students will benefit as we collectively work together to secure their future. I'm excited about the challenges and success we'll experience together.

When you look back on the past year and look forward to the year ahead, please remember to rejoice in the freedoms we share and the families that have sacrificed in order that we might rejoice. Our soldiers who selflessly give of themselves to fight for our freedoms need and deserve our thoughts and prayers, so please consider them as you join together with your loved ones. I pray you have a safe, happy and restful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Roderick Emanuel

Roderick Emanuel
Superintendent of Schools

Winter Break Just Around the Corner

December 24 - January 4

Students and staff at Bastrop ISD will enjoy a two week winter break beginning with an early release on December 21.

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will be released at 11:15 a.m. on December 21. Students in fifth through twelfth grade will be released at 12:15 p.m. There will be no afternoon pre-kindergarten classes on this day.

Elementary staff will be released at 12:15 p.m. on December 21. Secondary and all other staff will be released at 1:15 p.m. **Payday will be December 21 - if you pick your check up at the Service Center, please pick it up by 1:15 p.m.**

The winter break officially begins on December 24. Students and staff will return for class on January 7, 2008 at their regular time.

Mark Your Calendar

- December 14: Genesis Graduation, BHS, 7:00 p.m.
- December 18: Board Meeting, Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
- December 21: Early Release, see above article
- December 24 - January 4: Winter Break



For a complete December calendar, visit www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu

Bastrop Education Foundation Fund Drive Sets New Record



It's official . . . and a record!

The Bastrop Education Foundation's annual fall fundraising campaign has broken the \$43,000 record set last fall. This year's campaign has raised almost \$46,000, with more pledges - large and small - coming in daily, reported Executive Vice President, Sara Clayton.

"While the Foundation may receive

donations - gifts, memorials, grants, etc. - throughout the year, the fall campaign is a critical benchmark in setting the scope of the Foundation's work," Vice President for Development, Jolene Wells said. "Funds raised during the fall campaign forms the basis for the Foundation's 2008 budget, to be adopted in January. The greater the amount raised, the more money we'll have to budget grants, recognize student and teacher achievement and pursue other activities aimed at improving education and educational opportunities within our community," she explained.

Tom Scott, President of the Foundation's board of directors, added, "Our

purpose is to take local education to the next level, beyond what can be obtained within the constraints of state and local tax base funding. We are very much a "grassroots" non-profit organization led by a board made up of business, community and education leaders sharing this vision. We are entirely dependent on our donors to fund our activities, and our work as a Foundation is the result of their generosity and commitment."

"We appreciate the many school district staff members who helped us carry our message to the community during the campaign and truly look forward to another banner year for the Foundation," Scott added.



Teachers at Bluebonnet Elementary, Bastrop Middle School and Bastrop High School were surprised on December 11 by the Bastrop Education Foundation.

top left: Superintendent Roderick Emanuel presents Michele Tagliabue at Bastrop High School with a check for \$546 from the Bastrop Education Foundation for a project called Ready, Set, College Bound.

top right: The BEF surprised Heather Wheeler and Tiffany Williams at Bluebonnet Elementary with a check for \$1,000 for a project called Brain Pop.

bottom left: Bastrop Middle School Science Teacher, Christi Plummer was surprised with a check for \$497 for her project called BMS-CSI.

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Help Wanted

To apply for a position with Bastrop ISD, fill out an application on-line at www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu or pick up an application at the BISD Service Center located at 906 Farm Street. Bastrop ISD is an EOE.

Community Invited to Dedication of BHS Additions & Renovations



The Board of Trustees, Superintendent Roderick Emanuel, Principal Michael Benedict and the Bastrop High School staff cordially invite you to celebrate the

Dedication of Bastrop High School's Additions and Renovations

*Monday, December 17, 2007
At 5:00 p.m.*

*Bastrop High School
1614 Chambers Street*

**BASTROP ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING**

**DECEMBER 18,
2007**

6:30 P.M.

**BISD SERVICE CENTER
906 FARM STREET**

In Our Prayers

- Skyla Green, LPE, 4 month old son just had surgery
- Kim Crawford, LPE, surgery in December
- Denise Guerrero, LPE, baby due December 12
- Roderick Emanuel, Service Center, father had bypass surgery
- Sandra Callahan, Service Center, mother is recovering from surgery
- Robyn Butler, BHS, birth of granddaughter
- For our troops serving so far away from their families during the holiday season
- Doedee Vann, Emile, loss of father
- Patsy Trigg's son, Wes Trigg, BHS, prayers for healing
- Linda Voight, Service Center, surgery



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