

2006-2007 APPROVED BISD SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2006-07 School Calendar was approved during the Feb. 21 Board of Trustees Meeting.

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| | | 2006 | 2007 |
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| Days of Instruction | | | |
| 1st Semester | 87 days | | |
| 2nd Semester | 90 days | | |
| Total Student Days | 177 days | | |
| Staff Development/Preparation | 10 days | | |
| Total Student/Staff Days | 187 days | | |
| Students | | | |
| Start Date | August 14 | | |
| End Date | May 24 | | |
| Grading Periods | | | |
| <i>Secondary Schools</i> | | | |
| <i>1st Semester</i> | | | |
| August 14 - September 25 | (38 days) | | |
| September 26 - October 13 | (28 days) | | |
| November 7 - December 20 | (29 days) | | |
| <i>2nd Semester</i> | | | |
| January 9 - February 23 | (32 days) | | |
| February 26 - April 13 | (29 days) | | |
| April 16 - May 24 | (29 days) | | |
| <i>Elementary/Intermediate</i> | | | |
| <i>1st Semester</i> | | | |
| August 14 - October 13 | (42 days) | | |
| October 16 - December 20 | (45 days) | | |
| <i>2nd Semester</i> | | | |
| January 9 - March 9 | (42 days) | | |
| March 19 - May 24 | (48 days) | | |
| Staff | | | |
| New Teachers Report | August 3 | | |
| All Staff Report | August 7 | | |
| End Date | May 25 | | |
| Staff Development/Preparation Days | | | |
| Aug. 7, Aug. 8, Aug. 9, Aug. 10, Aug. 11, Oct. 6, Dec. 21, Jan. 8, Feb. 19, May 25 | | | |
| Staff and/or Student Holidays: | | | |
| September 4 | | | |
| October 6 (Student Holiday) | | | |
| October 9 | | | |
| November 22 - 24 | | | |
| Dec. 21 - Jan. 8 (Students) | | | |
| Dec. 22 - Jan. 5 (Staff) | | | |
| January 15 | | | |
| February 19 (Student holiday) | | | |
| March 12 - 16 | | | |
| April 6 | | | |
| | | Legend New Teacher Staff Development Staff and Student Holidays Staff Development/Preparation; Student Holiday Bad Weather Days 6 Weeks Grade Reporting (grades 7 - 12) 9 Weeks Grade Reporting (grades PK - 6) Graduation - May 25, 2007 | |
| <small>Note: If weather days are needed, April 6th will be the first used. The staff development day planned for February 19th would be moved to May 29th to complete the 10 required days for staff development.</small> | | | |

SHATTERED DREAMS PROGRAM AT BHS



A BHS Student is loaded into an ambulance during the Shattered Dreams program.

Students at Bastrop High School were hit with the hard faced reality of losing two fellow classmates as part of the Shattered Dreams program. The program involved a simulated drunk driving incident complete with EMS, air ambulance services, the Justice of the Peace, law enforcement agencies and firefighters partaking like it was a real life situation.

"The kids are really into it. I think it's a positive thing. A lot of kids realize what can actually happen on the streets. It's good to have this type of event every once in awhile to make kids wake up," said Sheriff Richard Hernandez.

The program began early with a student pulled from their classroom every 15 minutes, dressed in black and then returned to their classroom without being able to speak for the remainder of the day. This act is to symbolize the alarming statistic that a teen is killed in a drunk driving wreck every 15 minutes.

The entire student body then witnesses the car wreck, complete with two wrecked vehicles, the victims still inside the cars or layed out on the pavement, blood and shrilling screams of the victims that are still conscious. The drunk driver was removed from his vehicle to be

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CHARACTER EDUCATION

The character education trait for March is **Self-Reliance** - believing in ones own self-worth and learning to rely on ones own personal strengths; demonstrating ones knowledge of personal skills, abilities and impression on others. Please take time during March to discuss the importance of self-reliance with your students.



BASTROP ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March Meeting

March 21, 2006
6:30 p.m.

NEW LOCATION

Bluebonnet Elementary
416 FM 1209
Bastrop, TX 78602

BISD STUDENTS ASSIST IN HYATT PINE TREE PLANTING DAY

Bastrop ISD students from Cedar Creek Elementary, Bluebonnet Elementary and Bastrop High School joined other members of the community on March 9 to plant seedlings at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa.

The planting of over 1,000 pine seedlings will commemorate the Civilian Conservation Corps' reforestation of Bastrop State Park more than 70 years ago. These magnificent trees and the exceptional landscape they bring to Bastrop will unveil the entry to the newly constructed Hyatt Regency.

The idea of planting pines along the entryway stems from the tales of wandering Native American tribes that planted seedlings to remind them of home, the history of a lumber economy that built much of Central Texas and the Civilian Conservation Corps' creation of a beautiful state park.

The Hyatt will open its doors to the public during June.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | | |
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| 13-17 | Spring Break | All Campuses |
| 20 | Begin 4th Nine Weeks | (Gr PK-6) |
| | First Gr. Field Trip to Rodeo | LPE |
| 21 | Board of Trustees Meeting | BBE |
| 23 | School Award Assembly | LPE |
| 24 | Cheerleading Try-outs | BMS |
| | 2nd Gr. Field Trip to the Rodeo | BBE |
| 25 | Salinas Art Fest | BHS |
| 28 | PTA Spring Fundraiser Begins | LPE |
| 29 | Spring Pictures | Mina & BBE |
| 30 | PTA Basket Raffle | Mina |
| | Group Pictures | CCE |
| 31 | Awards Assembly | CCE |
| | CCIS Blinn Choir Contest | Blinn |
| | Bluebonnet Festival | BBE |

AT THE BOARD TABLE

The Bastrop Independent School Board met February 21. At the meeting, trustees approved of election resolution for May 13, 2006 Board of Trustees Election, approved of the School Calendar for the 2006-2007 School Year and approved of Superintendent's recommendation on administrators contracts.

Special Presentations

- Performance by Mina Elementary String Class - The performance was postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.
- Presentation by BHS Model UN Club - Kathleen Moore, sponsor of the this organization, introduced members from the Club. The students made a presentation to the Board on the BHS Model UN Club.

Open Forum

There were no requests to speak in open forum.

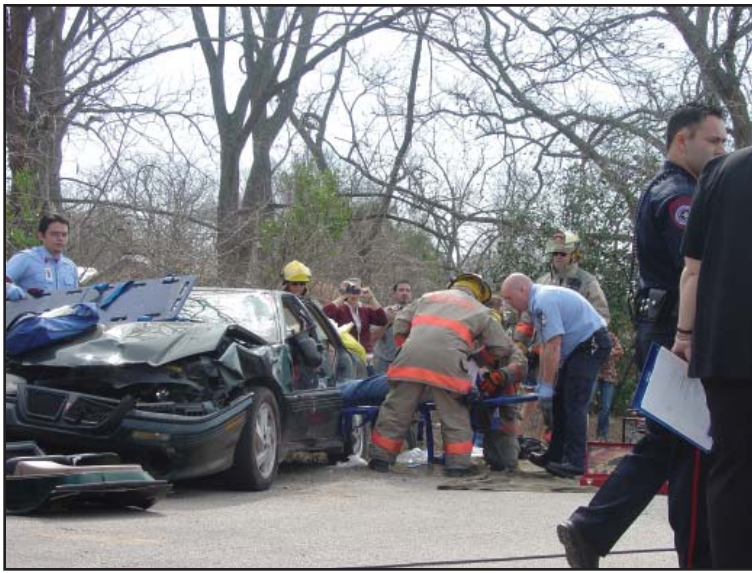
Superintendent's Report & Board Discussion

- Personnel Report - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Financial Report - Information was provided to the Board. There was no discussion.
- Curriculum Report - Update on BISD/ACC College Connection

Dr. Mary Hensley, Vice-President of Support Systems at Austin Community College, presented the Board with an update on the BISD/ACC College Connection. Results – 94.3% increase in enrollment at ACC between Fall 2004 and Fall 2005. ACC Foundation will be giving \$40,000 worth of scholarships in 2006 to present to students in the College Connection Program. Update on Bastrop High School Planning - BHS Principal Garry Blasig updated the Board on planning at Bastrop High School for the 2006-07 school year. Mr. Blasig reviewed what the Smaller Learning Communities would look like next year. Nancy Roll reviewed the new courses for 2006. Mr. Blasig stated that there would be no more early release or late start for students next year. In addition, only seniors will be allowed to be aides. Bill Vear would like to hear from some high school students and see what they think of the Smaller Learning Communities. BHS Counselor Terry Hamm reviewed what the high school "team" is working on this

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Scene from the staged crash scene during Shattered Dreams.



A student is taken by air from the car wreck.

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taken away and given a sobriety test and then later taken away in a police car. A couple of the victims were taken by ambulance and one was taken by STAR Flight to an area hospital. There was one victim that was Dead On Scene, he was quickly covered by a yellow sheet, put on a stretcher and taken away. The students were then released back to their classes.

“If we can save one life, if we can make one student think before they make the decision to get behind the wheel or make their friends think before they get behind the wheel, then this program has been successful,” said Raina Tucker, Freshman Sponsor.

The next morning a mock funeral was staged, complete with a casket and pallbearers. The entire high school student body listened as students from the simulated accident spoke about their experiences and a mother who had lost her son told of how her son and his girlfriend were t-boned on their prom night by a drunk driver and she was one of the EMS units that arrived on the scene. A funeral director spoke and enlightened the audience of the other side of the accident. A young woman spoke about her sophomore year in high school and losing seven friends in five months all due to drunk driving accidents and the impact it has had on her life.

The message was driven home over and over again to make smart decisions. If you are going to chose to drink, don’t drive. Let your friends drive you home, stay where you are or call your parents to come pick you up. These are all accidents that can be avoided.

“I have three teenagers and in their high school years some of their friends have been involved in alcohol related wrecks and it has been horrible,” said Sharon Keegan, parent of eleventh grader, Kelaiah Keegan. “Anything the community can do to make it hit home helps.”

This is the third year that the Shattered Dreams program has been produced at BHS. It is a project that is planned year round with countless hours of work and numerous volunteers that make it all possible.

“It was amazing. Everything went really well. The community support was awesome,” said Ginger Stubbs, RN, Shattered Dreams Coordinator.



A mock funeral was held for the 2 students that died.

If you would like to donate to the scholarship program that is sponsored by BHS Shattered Dreams, contact Ginger Stubbs, RN or Sue Snell at 321-1151.



- Bastrop ISD received seven 2005 TSPRA Gold Star Awards and two Best of Category Awards for excellence in school communications. The awards were announced at the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) Star Awards Banquet Feb. 23 during the organization’s annual conference in Austin .
- Tammy Bell Johnson named 2006 Very Important Counselor at Texas A&M.
- Bastrop ISD nominated for the 2006 HEB Excellence in Education Award.
- Denise Rogers named Cedar Creek Elementary Assistant Principal.

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year to prepare students for life after high school. Mr. Blasig thanked the BHS Counselors for their hard work in transitioning from Winschool to Skyward.

Information on Tech Prep Grant - Information was provided to the Board. Lori Lusk reported on the Tech Prep Grant that BISD was awarded.

- Operations Report - Construction Manager's Report on Construction Project Budget and Schedule - Steve McCleskey from Bartlett Cocke updated the Board on the construction project at the high school. He reported that they are within 1% of bond budget. Goal is to meet bond budget at or below that number. Mr. McCleskey reviewed the construction project schedule.

Board Business

During the February 21st Board Meeting, trustees also:

- Approved of Election Resolution for May 13, 2006 Board of Trustees Election
- Approved Calling Board of Trustees Election for May 13, 2006 for Place 1 and Place 2
- Approved of an Application for Expedited and General State Waiver for 2006-2007
- Approved of the First Day of School Waiver for 2006-2007
- Approved of the School Calendar for the 2006-2007 School Year
- Approved of Sponsorship Agreement with Austin Telco Federal Credit Union
- Approved of Resolution for Exemption for Historic Site
- Approved Authorizing Administration to issue contracts for 5 teachers to fill anticipated vacancies in 2006-2007
- Approved of hiring a Special Education Teacher for BHS paid through federal funds
- Approved of payment of Tax Sale proceeds to Bastrop WCID
- Approved of bids on Tahitian Village properties
- Approved of Superintendent's recommendation on Administrators Contracts.



HAVE A SAFE SPRING BREAK!

JOB OPENINGS

To apply for a BISD position, apply on-line at www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu. All other applicants may contact BISD Human Resources for an application. All applications are located at the Human Resources Office, 906 Farm Street, Bastrop, Texas.

BISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

| POSITION | SITE | SALARY |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Principal | RRE | \$54,410 to \$81,615 |
| Counselor | CCE | \$37,143 to \$55,705 |
| PE Teacher/Girl's Athletics | CCMS | \$33,010 to \$53,324, plus stipend |
| Counselor (bilingual preferred) | BHS | \$40,123 to \$60,174 |
| Small Engine Repair/Auto Tech Teacher | BHS | \$33,010 to \$53,324 |
| Lifeskills Teacher | BHS | \$33,010 to \$53,324, plus stipend |
| Lead Custodian (as needed) | Maintenance | \$6.82 per hour |
| Bilingual Specialist | Central | \$40,123 to \$60,153 |
| Site Assistant (Temporary Worker) | 21st Century | \$8.01 - \$12.00 hr. |
| Substitute Custodian | Maintenance | \$6.62 hr. |
| Custodian (as needed) | Maintenance | \$6.82 per hour |

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| Ann Lowes | formerly BHS | death of husband |
| Vicki Barker | RRE | birth of first grandson |
| Martha Miranda | RRE | granddaughter's ill |
| Guille Cioffi | LPE | death of parents |
| Teresa Human | BMS | death of mother-in-law |
| Margaret Ryan | CCE | brother in chemotherapy mother's surgery |
| Helen Klaus | Emile | death of mother-in-law |
| Keith Johnson | Central | marriage of daughter graduation of another daughter |
| Tina Roberts | Central | husband's surgery |
| Nadia Synatschk | CCE | son's birthday |
| The Scales Family | | |

STAFF UPDATE

Published monthly during the school year, except during the winter and spring holidays, by the BISD Community Services office. It can also be read online at www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu under Community Services, News, Staff Update. Comments and information may be sent to Donald Williams, Director of Community Services at 321-2292, fax to 321-1371 or e-mail dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu.