



# GETTING READY

Teachers and students gear up for a new year

In preparation for the new school year, teachers and faculty got together for crafts and fun.

"I had a great time doing the activities with my coworkers," teacher Cindy Eppes said. "It was an awesome way to really get to know the people we will be working with for the next year better."

Students that were a part of activities such as band and cheer, along with the Belles and sports

teams, spent their last days of summer getting ready for the main event of the first week of school, Meet The Bison, as well as practicing for their seasons.

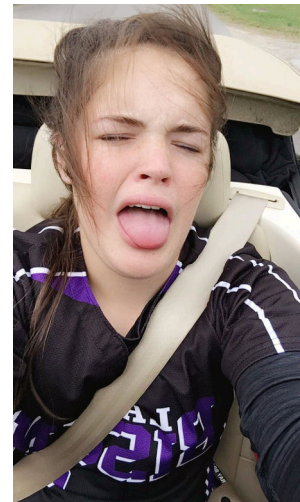
"Meet The Bison is always a lot of fun, especially for coaches and students," cheerleader Taylor Shelton said. "It is a great way to get everyone excited about the new school year."

- by *Ally Gaskins*



**Let's model this cake.** Senior Taylor Shelton shows off a cake for the auction at Meet the Bison. Proceeds from the auction went to different spirit groups and the athletics groups. *menefee photo*

**Red, white, and blue.** Junior Justin Foley and aide Percillar Reed raise the flag on the first day of school. They raised and lowered the flag every day. *menefee photo*



stand  
**OUT**  
"I am cool and I have a hood playlist."  
- Melanie McGill, 9





# MEET & GREET

Friday night heroes greet younger students for a morning treat

Looks of surprise and excitement lit up elementary kids' faces as they stepped out of their cars on a Friday morning. The Bison football players, cheerleaders and Belles took a trip up to the different schools to help kids get out of their cars before school and provide some excitement to their morning.

"Getting to see all the little kids all excited and happy to see us definitely brightened up my day," senior Ally Gaskins said. "Seeing how they reacted just made all of us really glad we came."

Half of the juniors and seniors who were involved went to the elementary and the other

half went to the lower junior high. "I'm glad I got the opportunity to see the kids in the morning," junior Matt Gilliam said. "Some of them were super shy and didn't say a thing; others just smiled, and the more outgoing ones talked to us, but they were all really friendly and nice."

The students that went to the elementary stayed during first period and walked around to the classrooms to visit.

"Going to the different classes was so much fun," senior Jacie Jones said. "We got to sing dance, and just have fun with the little kids."

- by Kendall Morales

**Give me five.** Senior Taylor Shelton greets a student as she gets out of her car. Looks of surprise and excitement lit up elementary kids' faces as they got to school on the day the high schoolers met them. cain photo



**Good morning.** Freshman Hector Dominguez and senior Kendall Morales are all smiles as they help students exit the bus. The Bison football players, cheerleaders and Belles took a trip up to the different schools to help kids get out of their cars and buses before school and provide some excitement to their morning. cain photo

**i stand OUT**

"I stand out because I'm Ima Champion."  
- Ima Champion, 10





## Bison Brigade competes in marching contest

*21 Guns, All the Small Things, and Black Parade*; these are just some of the songs that the marching band played in their UIL show Punk's Not Dead. The band tried new things this year, some of which included marching in Converse high tops and playing songs from punk rock bands.

"This show really means a lot to me," drum major Diana Avila said. "I've grown up listening to these songs, and that's one of the reasons I suggested the music to Mr. V."

The marching band consists of high school students as well as the addition of students from the junior high. The junior high members make up about half of the band.

"I love working with the junior high kids; they are so much fun," co-drum major Abby Smith said. "After the competition, it was great seeing how proud they were of themselves."

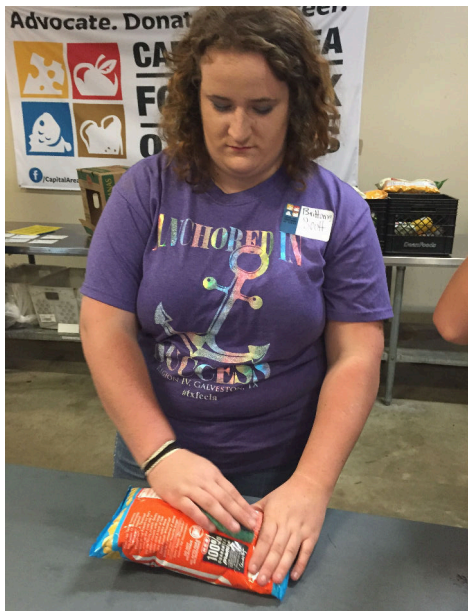
The band ended up with a score of three on a scale of one to five.

"I'm really proud of how far we have come as a band," senior Brittany Scott said. "We started off the year kind of weak and now we have people approaching us and giving us compliments on how much we have improved. Last year we got a four and so I think a lot of us were proud of our improvement."

Some of the students thought that the contest order was unfair towards the band.

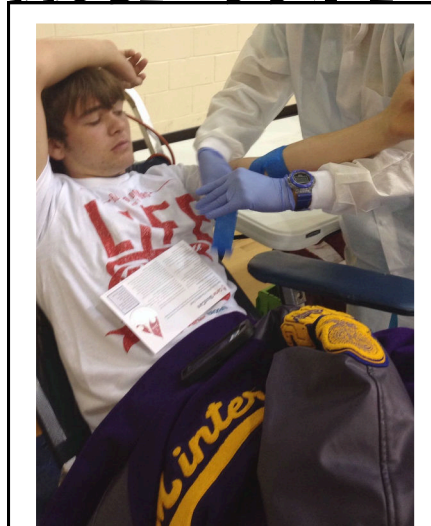
"The line up seemed a bit unfair because we went between two bands that have consistently gone to state every year," junior Zach White said. "But our show was great; I think we melted the faces off a bunch of people."

-by Kendall Morales

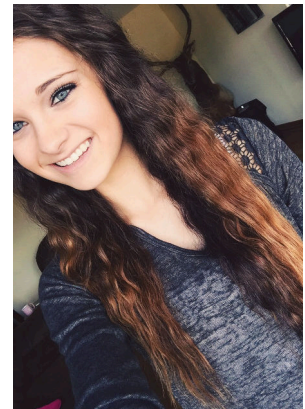


**Get it just right.** FCCLA member Brittany Scott works on packing meals at the food bank. This was just one of the community service projects the FCCLA participated in this year. neyland photo

## NHS BLOOD DRIVE



**Take my blood away.** Senior Trey Minter donates blood at the blood drive. Minter is just one of the many students who donated blood, saving many lives. The NHS group holds two blood drives each year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Many students and community members donate at both. scott photo

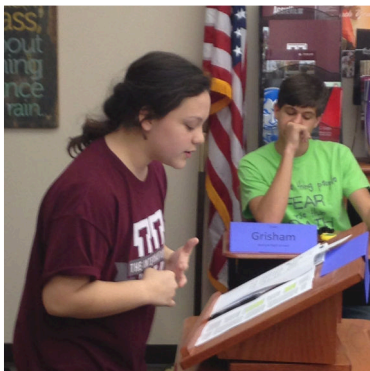


## stand OUT

"I stand out by participating in sports and by being a member of NHS and One Act Play."

- Madison Rowan, 10

**Let 'em know.** Sophomore Lilah Adams gives her speech a practice run while junior Evan Grisham practices running the debate as the Presiding Officer. The district group competed in Huntsville. menefee photo



**I solemnly swear...** Junior Evan Grisham, freshman Noah Rubel, and seniors Kendall Morales and Logan Freeman prepare to take their oath for Congress. Grisham advanced to the state competition. menefee photo



## DEBATE TACKLES NEW CONTEST

The speech and debate team decided to expand their horizons this year by adding Congressional Debate to their list of contests. Even though they were new to the competition, two of the team members placed at district competition in November, with Evan Grisham qualifying for state competition in January.

"I think that the first time that you take kids to a new debate competition, there is always going to be that nervousness there," coach Melonie Menefee said. "The kids all worked so hard and improved so much throughout the season; I couldn't be prouder."

Junior Evan Grisham received third place and went on to compete in Austin. Senior Kendall Morales placed fifth and was a state alternate. Both of them were also finalists, along with Nadia Garcia, at NSDA Congress in February.

"It was an amazing feeling; I felt like all my hard work and dedication paid off," Grisham said. "I am pretty excited." - by *Brittany Scott*

## Physics students create cars



**The Mousetrap.** Junior Shelley Pate gets ready to race his mousetrap car. Teacher Kyle Gleghorn watches carefully to make sure his students don't get too competitive. harter photo

## Art students show off their talent

Advanced art students tried their hand at painting as a medium and spent some time choosing their own designs.

"Painting is frustrating," senior Kaci Allen said. "The final product makes it all worth it, though."

Some kept their paintings for themselves while others gave them as gifts.

"Being able to do this for a church was very rewarding," Allen said. "I am proud of it." - by *Sarah Burchfield*



**Art Monster.** Senior Kaci Allen puts the finishing touches on her project. Allen came up with this idea for a local church where the painting is now being displayed. harter photo



**A huff and a puff.** Junior Zach White dresses up as the big bad wolf and reads the children the story of the Three Little Pigs. This was White's first year at BHS. cain photo

## Theatre students perform for elementary story time

A handful of theater students got the opportunity to transform themselves into characters from children's books for story time at the elementary school.

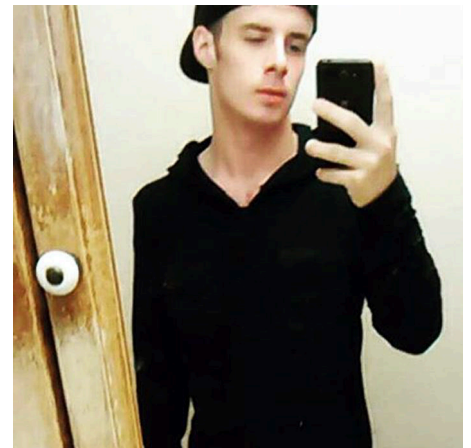
"It was fun to be able to entertain them," the Big Bad Wolf, played by junior Zach White, said. "I loved just being able to read to them."

For sophomore Lilah Adams, the rush of being The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly was a little overwhelming. Despite the anxiety, though, Adams recovered quickly.

"When I saw the little kids coming in, I was really nervous because I wanted them to get the full fantasy," Adams said. "Once I started reading to them, I saw that they really liked the story. It was a lot of fun."

Farmer Brown's wife, senior Kendall Morales, bubbled over with excitement just thinking about the whole thing.

"It was really fun getting to talk to the kids and reading to them," Morales said. "Being a character out of a children's book made it more fun and gave it a new element." - by Sarah Burchfield



**Always up to something.** Amelia Bedelia sits down to read the little kids her story. Freshman Melanie Slay took on the role of Amelia for the night. cain photo

**stand OUT**  
 "I'm a senior and I am looking forward to my future in the Marines."  
 - David McAlpine, 12

