

BRAGGING ON



County Schools




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Fall 2023

HEALTH EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

This new program will advance Student Interest in Health Science, prepare them for careers in healthcare and promote overall health and wellness for all students.



Bryan County Schools and SJ/C developed the SJ/C Career Discovery Program, where students have the ability to shadow at least four areas of the health system each semester (clinical and non-clinical areas) to get a first hand look at various professions and potential career opportunities. The program was initially piloted in the Spring of 2023 with 40 students participating.

Additionally, in the high school, SJ/C will assist faculty as needed with lectures and curriculum enhancements and serve as a resource for school nurses. Health education and wellness lectures for the entire student body will occur each semester and include topics such as the harmful effects of vaping, tobacco use and under age drinking.

With the expansion of the new high school, and its focus on the health sciences, this partnership made a lot of sense. However, the partnership goes beyond just the curriculum.

“Healthcare workers are in demand today and will be into the future, and St. Joseph’s/Candler believes that it’s our responsibility to work with schools to foster a new generation of care givers,” said Paul P. Hinchey, President & CEO of St. Joseph’s/Candler. “But this partnership with Bryan County Schools is more than that. It is unique and expansive, providing long-term benefits for the students and the community and it is structured in such a way that it can evolve and change as the needs of the school system changes.”

This program will initially take place in the classrooms of the new Richmond Hill High School and the St. Joseph’s Hospital and Candler Hospital campuses as well as the new SJ/C Richmond Hill Campus at Heartwood on Belfast/Keller Road. Eventually, other programs will be designed to meet the needs of students and faculty in the elementary and middle schools as well as Bryan County High School in Pembroke.

“Bryan County Schools is thrilled to partner with St. Josephs/Candler on this unique opportunity for our students. We are excited that our students will be able to practice in a simulation lab, designed by healthcare professionals, providing our students with real-life scenarios and equipment. In addition, our students will be able to participate in shadowing in clinical and non-clinical settings to gain insight and experiences that would not otherwise be available to them,” stated Dr. Paul T. Brooksher, Superintendent of Bryan County Schools. “Bryan County Schools strives to provide all students robust opportunities that prepare them to be successful in whichever path they choose after high school. This partnership is an amazing opportunity, and we could not be more proud to be able to offer this for our students.”

St. Joseph’s/Candler believes it is critically important to train the next generation of health care providers so that our community can see the providers that they need. This goes far beyond doctors.

DEER PARK WATER TEAM OF THE WEEK

Redskins



Bryan County Middle High School Redskins Football team was named the Deer Park Water Team of the Week for Week 8 of Georgia High School football.

Deer Park has teamed up with GHSA (Georgia High School Association) as the "Official Spring Water" of Georgia high school football.

Each week during the season, they honor one team from each classification with the Deer Park Team of the Week award. Teams selected throughout the season will be eligible to win the Team of the Year award, which includes a \$500 donation to the winning schools.



Richmond Hill High School

High School

RHHS RAIDERS

Region Champions



Richmond Hill High School JROTC Raiders mixed team took 1st place in the Region. The male JROTC Raiders finished 2nd. Both teams went on to compete at the state level and the finished 2nd overall (male team) and the 4th overall (mixed team).



VOLLEYBALL

Region Champions

1-7A REGION CHAMPIONS

RHHS clinched the Region Championship with a 2-0 win over Lowndes High School.

The Wildcats won the Sweet 16 round against East Coweta, 3-1 but fell short in the Elite 8 against North Cobb, 1-3.



SAFER GEORGIA SCHOOLS GRANT

Bryan County Schools was awarded a grant in the amount of \$248,771.00 for school safety.

The grant will fund indicator locks for all classroom doors, entry point outdoor surveillance cameras and monitors, additional two-way radios to allow for communication with bus drivers and law enforcement in the event of an emergency.



2023 GEORGIA AHPERD TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Christy Crowley, Health/PE Teacher at Carver Elementary, was named the 2023 Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AHPERD) Teacher of the Year! This award, presented by Georgia AHPERD represents Ms. Crowley's performance as an educator, role model, and community leader.

BRYAN COUNTY MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL



BCMHS Raiders

Region Champions

Bryan County High School Male Raiders team clinched the Region Championship while the mixed Raiders team earned Region Runner-up. The team finished 5th overall at the state championship.

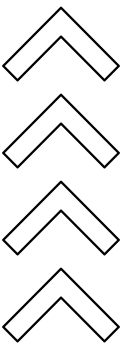


BCMHS Volleyball

Region Champions



Bryan County Middle High School Redskins Volleyball team earned the Region Champions title after a 3-2 win over Woodville-Thompkins High School. The team went on to compete in the Sweet 16 of the state championship where they fell short to Temple High School.



MCALLISTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MCALLISTER ELEMENTARY LITERACY LEADER - OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Georgia's State School Superintendent, Richard Woods presented McAllister Elementary with a Literacy Leader Banner for Achievement in Reading. McAllister Elementary was the only elementary school in First District RESA to be awarded the Outstanding Achievement honor. To earn this level of distinction, 90% or more of a school's third-grade students must be reading at grade level or above based on the 2022-2023 Georgia Milestones scores. Third grade teachers joined Mrs. Heather Tucker, Principal, and Dr. Paul T. Brooksher, Superintendent of Bryan County Schools to accept this banner from State School Superintendent Woods and State School Board Member, Nicholas Ellis.



BRYAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION EXEMPLARY BOARD



BRYAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION *Exemplary Board*



4TH YEAR
IN A ROW!



Bryan County Board of Education has received Exemplary Board status for the 4th year in a row from the Georgia School Boards Association.

The recognition program is designed to showcase best practices in school governance and leadership. GSBA recognizes good school board governance to foster educational community cultures in order to advance student learning and achievement. The Exemplary Board criteria can be found here: <https://gsba.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/FY23-Board-Recognition-Criteria-Chart-FINAL-1.pdf>

Georgia School Boards Association awards the Governance Team of the Year as a statewide recognition. This prestigious award honors the top board/superintendent team that best demonstrates its commitment to maximizing student achievement and enhancing trust and support for public education in their community. Bryan County Board of Education was named one of three finalists in the Large District Category (10,001+ students). The board always strives to lead in ways that demonstrate our commitment to “excellence and success in all we do” as well as in ways that enhance the community’s trust in our governance. To learn more about the award, read here: [2023 GSBA Governance Team of the Year Award Finalists -](#)

Cross Country

Bryan County Middle High School Girls Cross Country team finished 3rd in the Region, while the boys placed 4th. Both teams advanced to the State Championship!



Region 3A Top Finishers:

Laney Sehr - 2nd
Abbi Stucker - 3rd
Haley Thomas - 8th

Will summerford - 6th
Rodney Johnson - 9th



RICHMOND HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Region
Champions*

RHMS Boys & Girls Tennis

Richmond Hill Middle School Boys' Tennis team had an undefeated season both as a team and individually. The team finished 1st in the Region and individually finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

The Richmond Hill Middle School Girls' Tennis Team finished 5th in the Region and made it to the Region Semi-Finals but fell short of a top two finish.



RHMS Cheerleaders

Richmond Hill Middle School Competition Cheerleaders are Back-to-Back Region Champions!

The Competition Cheerleaders competed at four local competitions, winning first place at all regular season competitions.

*Back-to-Back
Region Champs*



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Dr. Paul T. Brooksher, Superintendent of Bryan County Schools, recognized Mrs. Amanda Woods as Bryan County Schools' District Level Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Woods, currently a 4th-grade teacher at McAllister Elementary School, has consistently demonstrated her commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment for her students. Her passion for education, innovative teaching methods, and her ability to connect with students make her an exemplary educator.

As the Bryan County Schools' Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Woods will represent our district in the state-level Teacher of the Year selection process. State School Superintendent, Richard Woods, and his Excellence Recognition Unit, will review applications from outstanding educators across Georgia to choose the state-level Teacher of the Year. The announcement of the state-level winner will take place at the Teacher of the Year banquet scheduled for May 2024.

School-level teacher of the year representatives are nominated and voted on at each school by their peers. Each school level teacher of the year then competes at the district level to become the next Bryan County Schools District Level Teacher of the Year.

During the selection process for the district level teacher of the year, each candidate must complete an application and additional criteria set by the district to be selected as one of three finalists. The finalists are observed by a panel of judges to determine the District Level Teacher of the Year winner.

In addition to competing for the District Level Teacher of the Year winner, these teachers also serve on Dr. Brooksher's Teacher Advisory Council for the current school year.



BRYAN COUNTY SCHOOLS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

REDSKINS FOOTBALL

Region Champions



FIRST EVER REGION CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE REDSKINS

Bryan County Middle High School Redskins Football team won their first ever Region Championship in a 66-8 win over Savannah High.

Bryan County Middle High School will participate in their first ever state championship football playoff game.



RHHS WILDCATS

RHHS CROSS COUNTRY *Region Champions*

The Richmond Hill High School Girls Cross Country team has won the Region Championship for the last 12 years and the Boys team for the last 11 years.

At the state championship, the girls team finished 5th place in the state while the boys had another top 10 finish.



COMPETITION CHEER

Region Champions



Richmond Hill High School Competition Cheerleaders earned 1st place in the 7A - Region 1 competition at South Forsyth High School on November 4, 2023. The Wildcats competed at the GHSA State Cheerleading Championship in Macon earning 6th place in the state.

COASTAL ELECTRIC

Bright Ideas Prize Patrol

Coastal Electric awarded local teachers in Bryan, Liberty, and McIntosh counties with over \$40,000 in classroom grants. Bryan County School was awarded over \$13,000 to fund 11 grants written and submitted by teachers.

The Bright Idea's program began in 2002, and has awarded almost \$500,000.00 to teachers. These grants help teachers bring their innovative ideas to reality. Funding for these grants is provided by Coastal Electric Cooperative Members who allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the next dollar through Operation Round Up.



Richmond Hill Middle School had 7 Grant winners, the most winners from one school in Bright Idea Grant history. Grants awarded to RHMS totaled over \$11,000.

RICHMOND HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cross Country

Richmond Hill Middle Schools Boys and Girls Cross Country teams had a great season. The Boys team placed 3rd overall in state playoffs and the Girls won the state runner-up.



Volleyball

Volleyball had an undefeated regular season, falling short of the region championship by one game. They finished with a 13-1 record.

Swim Team

Richmond Hill Middle Schools Boys and Girls Swim Team completed an undefeated season this year. While there is not a Region Championship for swimming, the Waycross swim meet was their last big meet where the combined boys and girls teams won by 500 points.



COLLEGE *Signings*

Congratulations!




SKYLAR LEE
GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY
SOFTBALL



These students athletes who have committed to continuing their athletic careers in college. On average, only 6-7% of students who play sports in high school go one to play at the collegiate level. Bryan County Schools has had 10 students sign with colleges already this year and many more to come.




JAYLA LAWRENCE
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
TRACK & FIELD



JULIA WILSON
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
CROSS COUNTRY / TRACK & FIELD




CARSON REEVES
WINGATE UNIVERSITY
VOLLEYBALL



COURTNEY JOSEPH
AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY
VOLLEYBALL





Redskins

MARCHING BAND

The Bryan County Middle High School Pride of the Tribe Marching Band had a successful season. They received Superior ratings at each of their festivals and competitions this year.



SEB Band Blast (Class A)

Superior Drum Major
Superior Percussion
Superior Color Guard
Superior Band

Sound of Silver Invitational (Class AA)

Superior Drum Major
Superior Percussion
Superior Band
2nd Place Drum Major
2nd Place Percussion
2nd Place Band
3rd Place Color Guard

South Georgia Marching Band Championships (Class A)

Superior Drum Major
Superior Percussion
Superior Band
1st Place Band
1st Place Percussion
2nd Place Drum Major
2nd Place Color Guard
6th Place Overall in Finals

Grand Champions

WILDCAT MARCHING BAND

The Richmond Hill High School Marching Band also had a very successful season. They earned several first place finishes as well as two Grand Champion titles. They competed against 27 other high schools this season and finished undefeated.

Richmond Hill High School hosted the first ever South Georgia Marching Band Championships in October, where 10 band programs competed. The Georgia Southern University, Southern Pride Marching Band, headlined the event and RHHS Band students had the opportunity to perform alongside the students from GSU in a joint performance.



Effingham County High School Competition:

1st Place Percussion
1st Place Drum Major
1st Place Music
1st Place Overall Band
Grand Champions

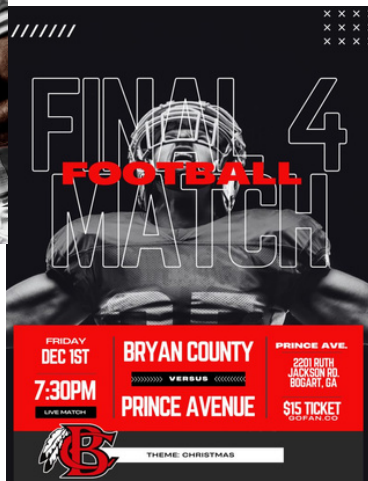
Wayne County High School Competition:

1st Place Overall in all Music, Visual, and
General Effects Captions
Grand Champions

RH

FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY - REDSKINS ADVANCE TO STATE PLAYOFFS

Semi-Finals



After a 55-14 win over East Laurens in Round 1 of the state playoffs, the Redskins advanced to the Sweet 16 where they played Pelham at home. The Redskins dominated the game with a 34 - 8 win and a seat in the Elite 8.

Bryan County Redskins hosted Commerce High School for Round 3 and earned the "W" and a spot in the Final 4 against Prince Avenue Christian. Unfortunately, the Redskins fell short but had an unbelievable season and should be extremely proud!

*Let's Go
Redskins!*



University of South Carolina
BEAUFORT



SOUTH KOREAN AND ASIAN LITERACY EDUCATION (SKALE) PROJECT

The SKALE University of South Carolina Beaufort Faculty Committee selected three Richmond Hill High School Teachers to participate in a funded training opportunity that includes a four-week education abroad in South Korea over the summer.

The program provides an opportunity for these three educators to be immersed in South Korean culture, language, and life on a 4-week educational trip to various institutional and historical South Korean sites.

Along with the 4 weeks abroad, all participants will be required to complete pre- and post- activities, which will coincide with aiding in a better understanding of how to educate students in curriculums related to South Korean culture. All travel, lodging, food, and cultural visits pertaining to the program activities in South Korea will be covered by the grant.

Congratulations to the following Richmond Hill High School Teachers:

- Ms. Sharon Butts
- Dr. Elizabeth Rodgers Clarke
- Mr. Roman Czerwinski Haro

2024 Don Cargill STEM Scholars



2024 DON CARGILL STEM SCHOLAR

Mrs. Casey Collins

Ms. Casey Collins, 8th Grade Science teacher at Richmond Hill Middle School was awarded the 2024 Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award, originally named the Georgia STEM Scholar Award. This award is given to teachers who demonstrate a passion and determination to provide students with innovative and challenging STEM experiences and creates an atmosphere of exploration that excites, energizes, and equips students to pursue enhanced educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Teachers chosen for this distinguished honor will receive a \$500 award to outfit their STEM classroom.



STAFF MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Bryan County Schools Staff Members of the Year



Ms. Rachael Lane
Bryan County Elementary



Ms. Wendy Schieler
Richmond Hill Primary



Debbie DeMond
Richmond Hill Elementary



Ms. Ashlyn Borden
Carver Elementary



Ms. Sheri Carter
McAllister Elementary



Ms. Karen Sampsell
Frances Meeks Elementary



Ms. Annie Clemons
Bryan County Middle High



Ms. Tania Gilbert
Richmond Hill Middle



Mr. Skip Tuttle
Richmond Hill High School



2023-2024

Thank you, for your dedication to the students of
Bryan County Schools!

COLLEGE *Signings*

All 10 of the students that have signed with colleges this school year, have signed with DI schools or DII schools and represent a variety of sports including soccer, softball, baseball, volleyball, cross country and track & field. Our students compete at the highest levels both on and off the field. Congratulations to our student athletes!

College Signings



Gwyneth Harper
GA College & State University
Volleyball



Madison Haldeman
Emory & Henry College
Soccer



Victor Villella
USC Salkehatchie
Baseball



Noah Sybert
Kennesaw State University
XC & TF



Memphis Rich
Appalachian State University
XC & TF



BUILD THE HILL!

2024 REACH *Scholars*

Initiated in 2012, REACH Georgia is a mentoring and scholarship program designed to ensure that the state's academically promising students have the academic, social, and financial support needed to graduate from high school and complete college. Bryan County Schools is among the group of 20 school systems that joined the program in 2019. The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) holds the scholarships for scholars until they graduate from high school.

With the upholding of the contract's requirements, each REACH scholar will receive a \$10,000 scholarship upon graduating high school. Many colleges and universities have also agreed to additional financial assistance for REACH scholars who enroll in their institution.

The state of Georgia funds a portion of the scholarships but the remaining funds must be raised by other entities. The employees of Bryan County Schools are committed to our REACH Scholars and have raised over \$15,000.00 to help fund the scholarships. Bryan County Schools staff believe in the REACH program and the path for students to continue their education after high school.

Bryan County Schools 1st cohort of REACH Scholars will be graduating with the Class of 2024 and will begin receiving scholarship funds this fall.



BRYAN COUNTY MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

*Jordan Carlos
Nari Green*



RICHMOND HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Rosalind Fox
Ava Bamba*