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# from the Superintendent

As the superintendent of the Baldwin County School District, it's my pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year.

As a school district, we are continuing to build upon the success of the past several years, working hard to improve our already record-high graduation rate of over 90% and to ensure our students graduate college and career ready. Baldwin High School will be making the most significant steps in the coming year, as they make the transition to a wall-to-wall college & career academy, helping our schools better tailor the education we provide so that our students can be successful in life.

We also will continue to focus on ensuring our students achieve at high levels and receive the most well-rounded education possible as we continue to build and expand on our incredibly successful fine arts programs. Our district has put a premium on exposing our students to the arts, and all of that hard work has paid off with the Baldwin County School District being named one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for the third year in a row.

The 2019-2020 school year will see more ESPLOST improvements that are going to continue transforming our facilities and show that we are leading the way toward providing all of our students with modern, 21st-century learning environments. We already made countless improvements to all of our facilities, which include new flooring at our elementary schools, new and more efficient heating and air systems, safety and security systems, new furniture and play-ground equipment and a stunning new \$4.5 million investment in our athletics facilities at Baldwin High School.

All of this, of course, wouldn't have been possible without the leadership of our School Board members who have worked with me to lead our district through some of the most innovative changes in the past decade. The Board success has not gone unnoticed, either, as our Board members have received the Exemplary Board recognition by the Georgia School Boards Association for three years running.

We are making some incredible changes all across our district, and I'm excited that we are going to be sharing the journey of our students' education, together.



*Dr. Noris Price*

# from the Publisher

The beginning of winter break has started for many students and teachers, this means a break from the regular classroom setting, but it doesn't mean a break from learning, however. Encourage your kids to continue reading, writing and being creative while out of the classroom. Spending time at home working on these activities demonstrates a commitment to learning and local education and are a testament to the fact that learning goes beyond the classroom and continues at every stage in life.

Inside the pages of this magazine, we highlight some of the educational achievements made in Baldwin County Schools so far during this academic year. They are numerous and should certainly be applauded.

Take a few moments to read and share news and notes about the accolades and discover some of the new things on the horizon for Baldwin County Schools.

Remember that learning is a continuous process — one we should invest in at every stage in life.



*Keith Barlow*



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# Baldwin County Board of Education: What We Do & Why We Do It

## Whoooo Knew?

► Baldwin High School's Sarah Tanner was selected the 2018-2019 Baldwin County Teacher of the Year.

► The Baldwin Theatre cast and crew of "The Diviners" were named Region runner-up at the Region One-Act Competition.

► Braylon Wright, participated in the Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program and was awarded the Cabbage Nets Scholarship.

► Baldwin High's Noah Askew was selected by the Georgia Association of Jazz Educators.

► The Baldwin High School Band received superior ratings at the Sound of Silver Marching Competition (Blackshear, GA) for Superior Drum Major, Superior Percussion, Superior Color Guard, and Superior Band.

► The Baldwin High School Band was selected for the District Honor Band in the Second Round of State Auditions.

► Oak Hill Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Team won the Regional Championship.

School board members are elected by citizens to be the governing bodies of local school systems, and therefore, must make decisions with students, parents, taxpayers and school employees in mind. In Baldwin County, there are five districts each with their own representative. The five board members are elected by district to serve four-year terms. The superintendent serves as an ex-officio member of the board and acts as secretary-treasurer. Board members elect a president and a vice president for a one-year term. As constitutional officers of Georgia, the primary duty of the board of education is to enact policy. The superintendent and staff enforce the policies and ensure that each student has an equal opportunity for a quality education. The board is also responsible for:

- Evaluating the educational program;
- Adopting courses of study;
- Approving personnel recommendations;
- Approving the budget, financial reports, audits and major expenditures;
- Providing funds for the operation and support of the school system;
- Setting minimum standards for efficient operation and improvement of the system;
- Approving school attendance boundaries; and
- Acting as a tribunal at certain employee and student hearings.

As community leaders, our school board members serve as advocates for the children in our schools and must study, evaluate and decide what actions are in the best interest of those students. The Baldwin County board members willingly accept the challenges of their office without expecting to be praised. They serve as a representative and a cham-

panion for public education in our district.

The Baldwin County School Board has been recognized as a 2016 Exemplary Board. To be considered for this recognition, school boards must exceed the criteria set forth by GSBA based on the state board of education's standards for effective governance. The recognition program was 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. Congratulations to the Baldwin County School Board for receiving this honor.

### Contacting the Board

School board members are elected officials and are not actually employees of the school system. They do not have individual offices at the school system's Administrative Center. However, information received at the board office is sent to the school board members weekly. Correspondence may be mailed to:

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## Board Meeting Schedule 2019-2020 (5:30 p.m. start for all meetings.)

### 2020 Work Session Dates:

- January 6, 2020
- February 10, 2020
- March 9, 2020
- April 6, 2020
- May 11, 2020
- June 8, 2020
- July 6, 2020
- August 10, 2020
- September 7, 2020
- October 12, 2020
- November 9, 2020
- December 7, 2020

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# Strategic Plan

The Baldwin County School District is set to begin the 2019-2020 school year with a new strategic plan, drafted in partnership with Ford Next Generation Learning, that will move the district forward over the next 5 years.

“The strategic plan our district will be implementing is the culmination of almost two years of work,” said Superintendent Dr. Noris Price. “We have taken a comprehensive look at our schools and our community and to develop ways to help tailor the curriculum and right to the workforce needs of Baldwin County.

The plan includes particular emphasis on three main focus areas which are student achievement, school & community partnerships, and recruiting & retaining high performing staff. These focus areas have numer-

ous performance measures, goals, strategies, initiatives and actions which include ensuring that students acquire and apply the knowledge and skills needed to be prepared for college and career success. The strategic plan gives our district a place for the success of our students and it plays a pivotal role in the growth and success to how best to respond to opportunities and challenges We believe that developing support and wrap-around services for students through community and other statewide partnerships provide quality professional learning to support and sustain the recruitment and retention of a quality work staff.

The new plan will put considerable focus on tailoring the academic experience of Baldwin High School’s College & Career Academy to match with the needs of local workforces.

This approach will create a more impactful education for both the student and our community and help to ensure our students are workforce ready the day they graduate high school.

The model, designed after working with Ford Next Generation Learning, stems from success that the organization has had with other school districts across the country. Most notably, Ford Next Generation Learning built a career academy system that created innovative pathways that prepared students for successful jobs in the billion dollar service industry in and around the city of Nashville.

The new strategic plan will be put in place at the start of the 2019-2020 school year and will serve the district for a period of five years before the district will revisit the strategic planning process in 2022-2023.

# Transportation



One of the single most significant challenges for any school district, both large and small, is providing safe transportation for students every single day. Donald Tuft, Director of Transportation for the Baldwin County School District, Sheba Nelson, Jamie Jeanes, and the team of nearly 75 drivers, monitors, and mechanics do precisely that.

“We have 53 routes that cover every corner of Baldwin County,” said Mr. Tuft. “We make sure that all of our students, approximately 5,000 in total, can get to and from school as safely as possible.”

The scope of the work, the Transportation

Department for the Baldwin County School District, can often get lost in the details, but the numbers are truly staggering.

“Altogether, daily routes, special trips, field trips, travel for our sports teams, we average almost 25,000 miles a week and about 3,700 gallons of fuel to get the job done,” said Tuft.

However, Mr. Tuft will be the first to tell you the transportation department’s efforts do not just run on diesel alone. “I am proud to say that we have put together one of the best transportation teams I’ve ever worked-from our drivers and monitors, to our mechanics in the shop, to our front office staff that coordinates with the schools and families, we have

got some truly dedicated professionals taking on this huge responsibility.”

They are not just relying on people power alone, either. The Baldwin County School District has installed state-of-the-art GPS technology through the “My Stop” app, free for download in both the Apple and Google Play stores. “My Stop” allows parents and families to track the location of their child’s bus while in transit and can even provide estimated times of arrival at your morning or afternoon stop along with providing other zoning information, as well.

“The technology has been a great feature for our parents to keep up with where their children are, but it’s had a lot of added benefits that save our taxpayer dollars, too,” said Mr. Tuft. The technology through the app has also delivered a trove of logistical data that has helped the Baldwin County School District’s transportation calculate better, more efficient routes that save fuel for our fleet and time-in-transit for our students and families.

“Our team is doing all we can to make sure that our community here in Baldwin County has the safest, most reliable, and most technologically advanced fleet that we can provide,” said Tuft. “And we are also a great place to work with unbeatable benefits. So, if you or someone you know are looking for a great opportunity, we hope to talk with you about all the ways you can make a difference for our department and our schools here in Baldwin County.”



# Whoooo Knew?

- ▶ Oak Hill Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Team won the Regional Championship.
- ▶ Recognition of the winners of the Georgia College Martin Luther King Jr. Essay and Creative Expressions Competition.
- ▶ Recognition of the Winners of the Oconee RESA's 18th Annual Regional Technology Competition
- ▶ The Baldwin High School Softball Team made it to the Georgia State Softball Playoffs for the first time in school history.
- ▶ Recognition of Regional Science Fair and Engineering Winners for Baldwin High and Oak Hill Middle, and Georgia College Early College
- ▶ Recognition of The Stock Market Game Winners
- ▶ Recognition of Young Georgia Authors
- ▶ BCSD Finance Department received an Unmodified Rating on the FY18 Financial Audit.



The Baldwin County School District has been selected as a Best Community for Music Education for a fourth straight year in a row by the National Association of Music Merchants. The Baldwin County School District is one of only six districts in the state of Georgia to earn the distinction with Clarke, Cobb, Fulton, Gwinnett and Putnam Counties rounding out the list.

"We are providing our students a comprehensive education with the importance, we place on exposing all of our students in the district to the fine arts and embracing all of the truly incredible ways it can impact a student's academic and personal development," said Superintendent Dr. Noris Price.

The award is something that the teachers and students of the district both take great pride in. It is an all encompassing, from the incredible band programs that are offered at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, the state-of-the-art Baldwin Fine Arts Center and the musical theater productions performed there, to our choral performances and everything in between. The district has been showing there has been an incredible value in providing this exposure for students and it's brings a lot of excitement for students and staff alike to receive the recognition.

The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Research demonstrates the educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who participate in music education.

That's why the Baldwin County School District has made considerable strides toward seeing every grade level

be exposed to some form of musical or other fine arts curriculum during their time in our schools. The 2019-2020 school year marks the second year that the district has offered its elementary band program, seeing students make tremendous gains after the program's first year alone.

The expansion of the fine arts communities also includes the addition of the Baldwin Playhouse Academy, a special musical theater group that brings together the best talent from our grade-level 3-5 schools across the district. The group gets students working with students from other schools, teaches them teamwork and helps lay the foundation for the importance of the creative arts later in life.





# Athletics

The Braves set off into 2019-2020 school year after dominating performances by every team in the school only the year prior. 2018-2019 brought with it tremendous success for the Baldwin High School athletics program, seeing every program at the high school level make a playoff run toward a state championship.

The level of talent of both the student-athletes and the incredible coaching staff leading the Baldwin County School District's teams has not gone unnoticed, with all of the hard work paying off in the form of athletic scholarships to major universities like Louisville, Tennessee

and Wake Forest, all in the past three years alone.

"I'd say we have been able to get about 30 off to college, whether on a full-ride scholarship or limited scholarship in the past three years," says Baldwin High School Athletic Director and Coach Dexter Ricks. "Our coaches know it's not just about putting together a good season, we see the talent that is in our classrooms and hallways everyday and we know these scholarships are opportunities to transform these kids' lives for the better."

These incredible athletic opportunities are not just at the

high school level. Oak Hill Middle School also offers numerous programs for our students to get involved and help lay the foundation for the future of our programs at the high school level. The athletic programs at the middle school level have also seen their own level of success this past two years, winning championship titles in football, girls basketball, and track, providing our high school with excellent development programs to feed into their already successful teams.

Baldwin High School offers 22 different athletic programs for our students and their families to par-

ticipate in with 8 of those programs offered for both boys and girls.

- Baldwin High School:
- Football
  - Basketball (Boys & Girls)
  - Baseball
  - Softball
  - Soccer (Boys & Girls)
  - Golf (Boys & Girls)
  - NJROTC Riflery (Boys & Girls)
  - Volleyball
  - Wrestling
  - Track (Boys & Girls)
  - Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
  - Cheerleading
  - Literary (Boys & Girls)
  - Tennis (Boys & Girls)



# Whoooo Knew?

► Baldwin High School's Samantha Mutiti selected as Regional STAR Student.

► Baldwin High School's Jessica Thompson selected as Regional STAR Teacher.

► Recognition of the 2019 Union-Recorder Black History Essay Contest Winners

► Recognition of the Winners of the Destination Imagination State Competition.

► Selynne Pez won the 2019 Georgia Student Technology Competition for her Graphic Design.

► Recognition of Georgia College K-5 State Science Fair Division Competition Winners.

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► Gina Whitaker was selected by Walden University to The National Society of Leadership & Success.

► Baldwin High School athletic teams made the state playoffs in all Fall and Winter Sports for the 2018-2019 school year.



Thanks to local ESPLOST funding, the one-penny sales tax, our schools have undergone a stunning transformation over the past several years. The local option sales tax for educational funds has been a small change at the register that has led to some of the biggest changes throughout our district.

This year, and most notably, the Baldwin High School athletics teams now have an incredible home-field advantage after the construction of an all new \$4.5 million complex. The new complex offers all new playing surfaces, field houses, locker rooms and parking for our baseball, softball, soccer and tennis teams, along with serving as the practice facility for the Band of the Braves.

All four elementary schools have also been the beneficiaries this year of ESPLOST funding, as well. Each of the four elementary level schools in the Baldwin County School District have seen new flooring and paint that was

installed over the summer. Lakeview and Midway Hills primaries have seen beautiful new flooring installed. Lakeview Primary, taking a page out of the Early Learning Center's book, installed color coded tiles that lead guests and visitors to the appropriate grade level within the school.

Oak Hill Middle School will become the biggest focus during the next phase of ESPLOST improvements set to come. Oak Hill will see a multi-million dollar renovation coming over the next few years that will see the school with new heating and air conditioning units, a new roof and new classroom resources and technology to see that we are providing state-of-the-art instructional spaces for all of our students.

ESPLOST has proven itself for having a dramatic impact in the improvement of all of our schools in the district. The funding has served the Baldwin County School District, its students and parents, along with the community as a

whole, very well over the past several years and has made the district a public educational leader when it comes to the safety and security of all of our schools and programs. A special thank you to all of the voters who have supported the ESPLOST referendums that have provided such incredible support to our schools and our teachers.

# Mandatory School Uniforms for all Baldwin County Students

School uniforms help to boost a child's self-esteem and encourage the main focus in the classroom to be on education and not on fashion. The potential benefits of school uniforms include instilling discipline, helping students resist peer pressure, and helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school. All Baldwin County students will be expected to wear uniforms Monday-Friday unless the Principal approves dress down days.

We recognize the student's right to express individuality must be balanced with the need to create a positive learning environment with minimal distractions. Good grooming and appropriate dress have a positive impact on student achievement and conduct. Our uniform policy is designed to encourage academic focus, minimize disruption and to teach students the importance of dressing for success. Appropriate dress is expected of all students. The uniform policy shall be enforced at all times while on school campus

during the school day unless otherwise approved by an administrator.

Below you will find a detailed list of the approved school uniforms for elementary, middle and high school students.

## **School Uniforms Will Consist of the Following: Girls and Boys**

**Polo shirts, Dress Shirts, Turtlenecks** (Any solid color shirt with no designs) No large logos 1 1/2" or smaller are acceptable; T-shirts and cowl necks are prohibited). The neckline of shirts should not reveal cleavage.

Students are encouraged to wear school color polo shirts for school spirit day as designated by the principal.

**Long Pants** Khaki, Black or Navy Blue (No Denim Material)

**Shorts** Khaki, Black or Navy Blue (No Denim Material)

**Skirts** Khaki, Black or Navy Blue (No Denim Material)

**Skorts** Khaki, Black or Navy Blue (No Denim Material)

**Dresses** Khaki, Black or Navy Blue (No Denim Material)

*Belts are to be worn and fastened in the conventional manner. Pants must be worn at the waist line with a belt. (Sagging will not be permitted.)*

Students should not wear form fitting garments such as sweat-pants, lycra, spandex, stretch, leggings, leggings/tights or body pants. Pants should not have revealing cut-outs or holes. Solid color leggings or tights may be worn with appropriate length uniform.

**Jackets** - Any color or multi-color with no large logos or characters. Jackets, sweatshirts, or other outerwear (clothing worn over the uniform shirt) with a hood must have a full length zipper or button front. Hoodies are not allowed. Any item of clothing worn as outerwear,

(clothing worn over the uniform shirt) must have a full length zipper or button front.

**Shoes** - All students are required to wear shoes and socks. Socks must be solid color. Flip flops, sandals, high heels, light up shoes, and shoes with rollers are

not permitted.



The inaugural school year for Baldwin Online Academy, Baldwin County's first 100% online educational opportunity, is well underway. Baldwin Online provides a flexible, personalized experience that engages students and improves learning outcomes. We link teachers, hundreds of courses and classmates using a powerful, online education platform to tailor learning to each student's needs, talents, interests, and learning style. It's a different approach to learning, and an excellent alternative to homeschooling for families looking for a different kind of education.

Baldwin Online Academy takes pride in the vast selection of courses it can provide to its students. The program offers all core content courses, as well as many elective course options like Game Design or Criminal Investigation.

Students interact with real, live teachers from around the state who provide instruction and guidance to students and parents as they work through course instruction, assignments, quizzes, and tests that have all been built to meet the requirements Georgia's content standards. The program also offers gifted/honors courses for accelerated learners, and many foreign language course options into which students can be enrolled as early as third

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grade.

Even though students enrolled in the program take all of their courses at home or away from campus, students can participate in the many social activities offered in Baldwin County. Students of Baldwin Online Academy are welcome to be active members of any after school activities, clubs, teams,

or program that are offered to our traditional students. This is an excellent option for parents who want to provide their children with an education at home, but who still want to participate in these social experiences that are vital to a student's development. To learn more or apply, visit our website at [baldwincountyschoolsga.org/baldwin\\_online\\_academy](http://baldwincountyschoolsga.org/baldwin_online_academy).



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## *The Montessori @ Early Learning Center*

The Montessori Academy at the Early Learning Center is only in its third year of operation but has received resounding applause and credit from throughout the community as the premiere learning option for children ages 6-weeks to four years old in Baldwin County. While the program is built on the steady and proven curriculum of Maria Montessori, the Montessori Academy has seen a few great changes take effect here over the past year.

Most notably, the Montessori Academy welcomes a new director to the program with Kristin Meier. Meier is a 2004 graduate of Georgia College and has taught and served the Milledgeville community for the past 15 years. She was a special education teacher in the Baldwin County School System for eight years and most recently was the Children's Pastor at Northridge Christian Church, supporting over 100 children ages birth through fifth grade. Meier has had an incredible career that demonstrates she is truly passionate about families and pursuing excellence in education.

"It's just a calling that I've been drawn toward all my life," said Meier. "It's very rewarding to spend time, interact and help guide these students and their families toward a

great education."

She will be continuing the Montessori Academy's tradition of precisely that. Since its inception only a few short years ago, the Montessori Academy's success has only skyrocketed, leading to serious expansions of the curriculum throughout the district. While the Montessori Academy at the Early Learning Center handles, specifically, curriculum for students ages 6-weeks to four years old, the curriculum has been adopted by the Baldwin County School District to provide a pilot Montessori program for kindergarten and first grade classes at Lakeview Primary for the 2019-2020 school year. Given the early, and incredible, success of the program the district's is aiming to continue the expansion next year to include a second grade classroom, as well.

"These are some of the most critical times in which you can have a huge impact, foundationally, on how well your child can do academically," said Meier. "We are preparing these students, at such a young age, like never before and I believe the progress we've made with our students, the satisfaction of our parents and interest in the community is showing that we really have something special here," she added.





# Lakeview Academy



Lakeview Academy | 3rd-5th Grades

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Lakeview Academy heads into the 2019-2020 school year with a slightly new look in the hallways but with a lot of the same familiar faces returning to lead our classrooms.

Lakeview Academy has received its fair share of renovations compliments of ES-PLOST, the one penny local sales tax that has led to some dramatic improvements in all our schools. This year, Lakeview Academy has received an entirely new interior paint job that has helped brighten our hallways and make the school more welcoming to guests and families.

The improvements at Lakeview Academy aren't just aesthetic, however. The school has put a premium on building out its relationships within the community and has accomplished some incredible things in the process. Most notably, because of leveraging resources from relationships with businesses here in our local community, Lakeview Academy students now have access to the dynamic and engaging Thiele STEAM Lab.

The new STEAM Lab, going on its second year of operation, was the culmination of



many months of planning with Thiele Kaolin Mining Company to help ensure our students have the kind of educational resources that help prepare them for the 21st century.

Part of the success seen with special programs like the Thiele STEAM Lab comes from the premium that the staff has put on community partnerships through the Partners in Education program. In the past year alone, Lakeview Academy has seen participation in the Partners in Education program skyrocket, securing over 30 new Partners and thousands in cash and in-kind contributions that help



put on the special programs and recognition that go a long way toward creating a great culture and environment.



Lakeview  
Primary



Lakeview Primary | Kindergarten - 2nd Grades

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Lakeview Primary has undergone a stunning transformation over the summer as one of the biggest beneficiaries of local ESPLOST funding, the one-cent sales tax that has brought in millions of dollars worth of improvements all across the district.

Last year, Lakeview Primary received all new heating and air conditioning units that helped to make sure all of our classrooms were warm in the winter and cool in the summer. This year, however, students and families alike get to experience all of the incredible

changes just by simply walking through the door.

Lakeview Primary's ESPLOST funding has focused on upgrading the schools aesthetics with new flooring, new paint and even a completely redesigned media center. Students and families are now welcomed by color-coded tiles where each color represents a different grade-level and will guide visitors to the appropriate pod of classrooms within the school. On their walk to the classroom, visitors can take in the new paint that lines the walls, as well, breathing some fresh new life

into the 20+ year old halls.

"We absolutely love all of the new work that has been done," said Principal Tracy Clark. "Thanks to the ESPLOST funding, we have seen some wonderful new changes come to our school in just the past two years alone. Our staff, and even our students, are all very excited for all the changes and really goes a long way toward ensuring we have the kinds of learning environments that keep our students happy and engaged."

Lakeview Primary has also been the beneficiary of their own

staff's tremendous work, with two teachers selected a grant award recipients for the 2018-2019 school year. Those grants have gone toward dynamic programs like the introduction of robotics and programming even down to the kindergarten level.





# Midway Hills Academy

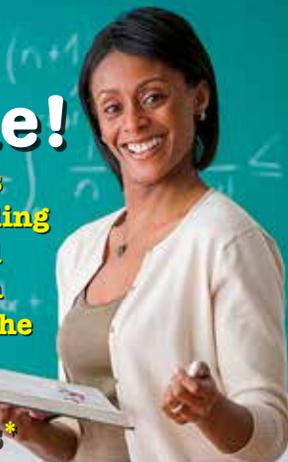


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**M**idway Hills Academy, its name steeped in the district's rich heritage, holds on to the time-honored traditions that surround teaching as a profession. But as the teachers and administrators of the school know, staying true to their history means adapting for the future and making some changes along the way.

Midway Hills Academy kicks off the 2019-2020 school year with a brand new addition to the Mustang family. Hope Pope, is taking on the responsibilities of assistant principal at the school...

Along with the new face helping lead our halls, students and staff alike were treated to many new upgrades on the first days back this school year. Most notably, Midway Hills Academy received new flooring throughout the entire school and new paint in all interior areas. The Mustangs have



also welcomed new classroom furniture, a renovated media center and new playground equipment over the most recent school years.

All of the upgrades, hundreds of thousands of dollars in upgrades and improvements, are all thanks to ESPLOST. ESPLOST, the one-penny local sales tax, has helped lay the groundwork for a stunning transformation taking place throughout all of our classrooms. The improvements to our school's infrastructure, along with new technology and other educational resources, have helped see Midway Hills Academy become a dynamic and engaging 21st century learning environment.



# Midway Hills Primary



Midway Hills Primary | Kindergarten-2nd Grades  
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It only takes a few short steps inside Midway Hills Primary, home of the Superhero Bears, that you get a good sense of the culture and environment created there. Throughout every hallway you'll find the halls, doors and classrooms covered with ornate decorations of some of your favorite superheroes, and even works of timeless literary classics for children.

"We want our students to have fun and be excited when they come through our doors," said Principal Tara Burney. "We really try to create that environment for them. We want them to be engaged and 'wowed' and we try hard each day to find ways to make that happen."

Because of their hard work, the students are greeted to many new adventures throughout the year and allows our teachers more dynamic ways to reach and impact every child. However, what is most impressive is what supports all of those decorations underneath. Thanks to ESPLOST funding, the one-penny local option sales tax, Midway Hills Primary has

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received some stunning renovations over the past several years.

The most notable change for the 2019-2020 school year is the beautiful new flooring throughout the entire building and new paint throughout all the interior spaces. This comes after other ESPLOST funded improvements to the school like new classroom furniture, heating & air systems and playground equipment that have also happened in recent years.



The investments in the infrastructure of the school, along with investments in the culture and environment provided to our students, Midway Hills Primary is helping lead the way toward demonstrating what a 21st century learning environment should look like. It is even more exciting to consider the many updates that are still to come over the coming months and years thanks to the support for ESPLOST funds that have been helping to transform our school district.



# Baldwin High School



Baldwin High School | 9th-12th Grades

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Baldwin High School has already been the beneficiary of countless hours of hard work by our teachers and support staff that has led to a record high graduation rate for two years in a row. The change to a wall-to-wall college and career academy has administrators and district leadership excited to build upon the incredible success that has already taken place.

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“We are very proud of the hard work and achievement that has taken place in our classrooms over the past several years,” said Baldwin High School Principal Jason Flinders. “The changes we are making to our curriculum and the wall-to-wall academy are going to prepare our students to be workforce ready in our local community the day they graduate. We are confident the changes we are making are going to have a dramatic impact on our local community.”

“The wall-to-wall academy model is one in which many other districts across the country have found great suc-

cess,” said Natalie Stowe, Chief Executive Officer of the Baldwin College and Career Academy. “It’s something our faculty is very excited about because it’s a dynamic and engaging way to make sure we are making the most of the educational opportunities provided to our students.”



# Oak Hill Middle School



Oak Hill Middle School | 6th-8th Grades

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**R**achel Brooks, Nadia Cazacu, Alan Weston and Yan Yang are all students of Oak Hill Middle School and have been recognized by the highly prestigious Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) for the Summer of 2019 program study. That's an increase from the year prior when Oak Hill was able to have two students earn the same distinction.

Talk with Principal Daymon Ray

and he will be quick to tell you the reason behind the school's success, "It's simple. This is Oak Hill and our goal is excellence." His refrain of the school's motto is something constantly serving as a reminder of the common goal every student and professional in the school strive toward everyday.

"We've taken great strides to set the standard of excellence in everything we do," said Principal Ray. "We aim to make sure every interaction in our classrooms, our hallways, our extracurricular and athletic events, that our students understand clearly what is expected of them. We have built a culture here that focuses on showing our students that education and hard work will lead to them having successful careers and families of their own one day."

Oak Hill's culture is one that focuses on providing the most comprehensive education possible for all its students and that's why its level of excellence is on full display in places other than just classrooms.

"Our agriculture program is something that is beginning to take off and is bringing a lot of excitement for our students," said Ray. "It's a program that gets them out of the traditional classroom and lets them get hands-on with what is a billion dollar industry here in Georgia. For some of these students, it very well could be the first interaction they have toward building successful careers in the agribusiness industry later in life."

The comprehensive focus also continues the emphasis on the fine arts shared by all the schools in the district. Much like the other schools, Oak Hill has seen its own expansion in fine arts offerings for students to participate in. Band has been a perennial staple for the fine arts program but recently seen expansions with art, theater and dance programs that give students more ways they can explore their education and their creativity through the arts.





## Whoooo Knew?

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► Samantha Mutitti was named District STAR Student, and Jessica Thompson District STAR Teacher.

► Baldwin High School student Catherine Mullis finished in 4th place at the GHSA Girls State Wrestling Championships.

► Baldwin High School Literary Team received multiple recognitions at Region 3-AAAA Literary Competition: 1st Place Rhetorical Essay - Catherine Mullis; 1st Place Personal Essay - Morgan Burgamy; 2nd Place Argumentative Essay - Torin Weston; 2nd Place Boys Quartet - Addison Bell, Jermon Cooper, Timothy Daniel, and Jacob Ruddy.



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The Georgia College Early College program has put out some incredible statistics over the past several years but more impressive is the caliber of students they produce every May. One area where there is overlap rests with the additional pieces of paper many of their students receive

upon their graduation. The Early College's graduating class of 2019 saw 24 of their students walk across the stage and receive their collegiate associates degree at the same time they received their high school diploma.

The students, all of whom have taken advantage of state-funded

dual enrollment programs, have been able to achieve the feat tuition free, having never paid a single dollar for tuition or books during their tenure with the Baldwin County School District.

"When I first arrived here in Baldwin County six years ago, we didn't have a single student graduating with their associate's



degree,” said Superintendent Dr. Noris Price. “Now, because of our efforts of driving home the value of education and partnering with our parents, we are providing more and more of our students the opportunity to change their lives for the better.”

“At Georgia College Early College, we have created an environment that places our high school students in actual college classrooms, completing college courses and the payoff has been nothing short of incredible. Earning an associate’s degree will have huge implications, not just for our students, but

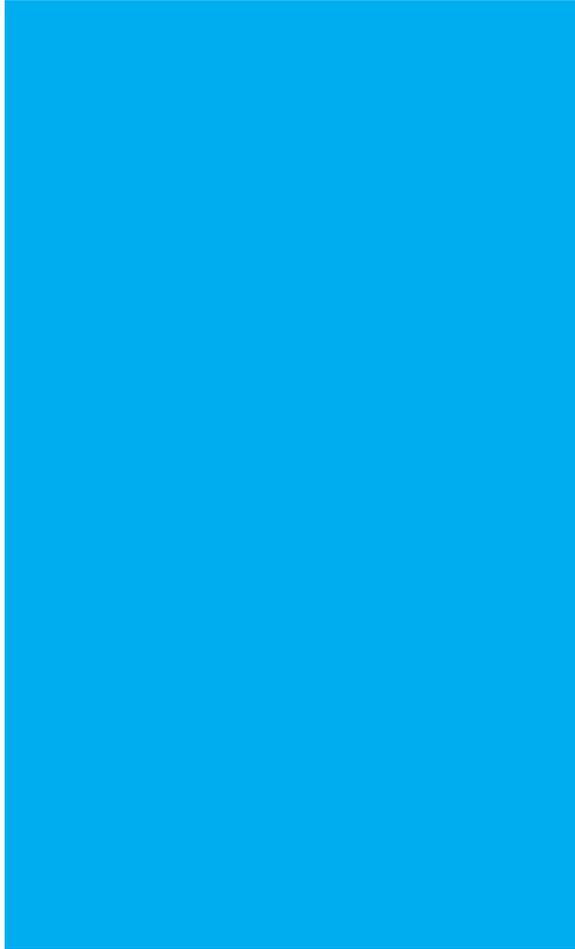
for generations of their families to come.”

The results of the Early College’s program have been nothing short of extraordinary. While the accolades of the students receiving their associates are well-earned, the program understands the journey doesn’t stop for those

that are still pursuing that degree upon their high school graduation. That’s why the faculty and staff of the program have taken upon themselves to see that every single one of their students has received the quality and caliber of education to prepare them to finish college.

The team at the Early College has done so well in that undertaking that every graduating senior in the program was accepted to at least one college, showing those students that the opportunities do exist if they choose that college is the best way forward for their future careers.

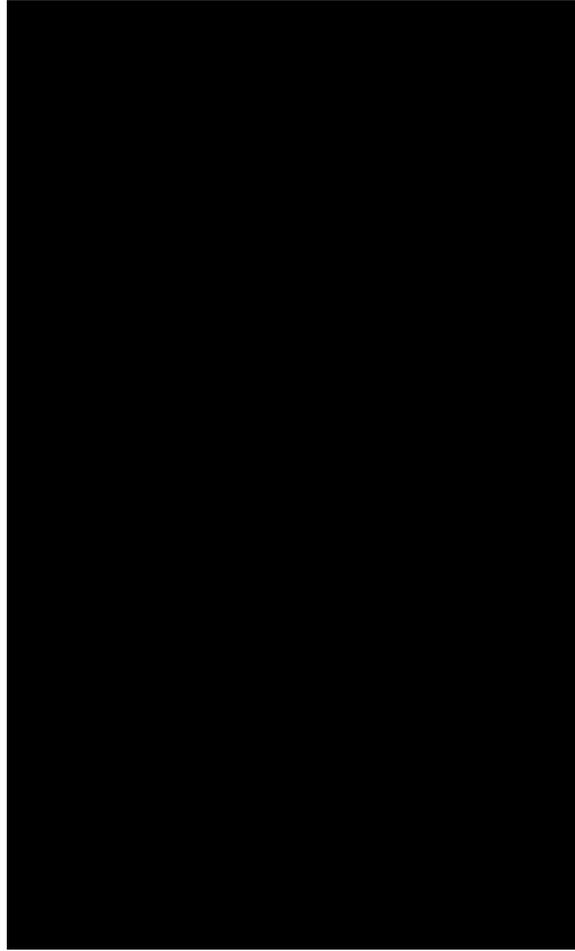
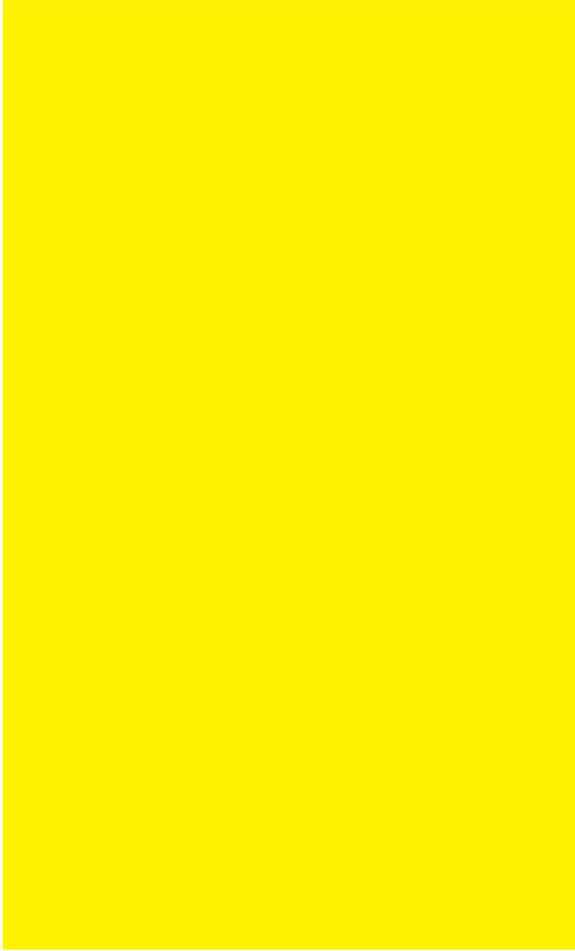
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future.

One of the greatest benefits that makes the district's Summer Adventure Program so unique is that it offers the adventures, themselves, along with transportation and meals everyday, free of charge, helping ease the burden on students and families participating while still ensuring the highest quality experience.

Each day of the program, students were treated to many different adventures ranging from engaging academic lessons in a classroom environment to a series of community-based learning experiences that take in our rich local history and culture. The success of the program has called upon the support of numerous

community organizations and businesses and the response has been truly astounding.

While too many to mention in their entirety, many stood out as student favorites such as trips to the Old Governor's Mansion to learn more about our local history and culture, tours with our local 4-H club, and visits with our first responders of the Milledgeville Fire Department and even the AirEvac Life Team. There were also substantial resources leveraged by the Milledgeville-Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and Georgia's Old Capital Museum at the Depot in bringing together these members of our community toward the program's success.





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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Yellow - PL Days (Teachers Report No Students)

Green - No Teachers and Students

Blue - Early Release Day

(\*) Incentive Weather Days (If Needed)  
Semester 1 - 89 Days Semester 2 - 91 Days

Aug. 1 First Day for Students  
 Sep. 2 Labor Day  
 Oct 7 & 11 Fall Break

Nov. 25 - 29 Thanksgiving Break  
 Dec. 18 Last Day of Semester  
 Dec. 19 - Jan. 2 Holiday Break

Jan. 6 Students Return  
 Jan. 20 MLK Day  
 Feb 17 Winter Break

Mar. 30 - Ap. 3 Spring Break  
 May 22 Last Day of Semester  
 May 25 Memorial Day