



Cougar Connection

Brazos High School Newsletter

STATE BOUND!

Brazos High School academic competitions have gotten off to a strong start in 2017! We have multiple student groups advancing to the state competition in their field.

TRACTOR TECH

The Brazos FFA Tractor Tech team of Joe Buford, Kyle Neiman, and Colten Mayo placed 2nd in the Area III Tractor Tech competition, one point behind the first place team. What is Tractor Tech you ask? Tractor Tech is three part competition. Team members appraise components and parts of tractors and agricultural implements and make recommendations for services needed and not needed, complete a written exam, and finally the team of three members, working as a group, locates and corrects five deliberately placed malfunctions in a diesel fueled tractor and safely navigates the repaired tractor through a driving course within the 25 minute time limit. Congratulations to Joe, Colten, and Kyle and their FFA sponsor, Mr. Sheffield.



CX DEBATE

For the first time in ten years, Brazos High School is sending a CX Debate team to the State Debate competition. The Brazos CX debate team of Ian Martin and Kyle Neiman placed second at the district debate meet. CX, or Cross Examination Debate is one of three types of debate. The other two are Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Congressional



Debate. CX is a debate over policy. Instead of a one-on-one duel like you saw during the Presidential debates, CX is performed between teams of two, each taking turns at the stand, asking questions, reading evidence, and using forensic skill to argue for policy change by the United States federal government. This year's topic concerned foreign policy; The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.

CX debate consists of 8 minute planning and preparation periods and 3 minute cross examination periods during which positives and negatives are attacked or defended. The debate concludes with 5 minute periods of weighing the issues. A forensic judge evaluates the teams' arguments to determine whether the affirmative proves that the adoption of the resolution would be in the best interests of the United States. Congratulations to Ian and Kyle and their sponsor, Mrs. Divin.

TACS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

The Texas Association of Community Schools holds an annual academic challenge in which teams of three students of varying academic ability respond to questions based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for English, mathematics, science, and social studies. This was the first time Brazos High School sent a team to the TACS Academic Challenge. Our team of three, Ian Martin, Zach Walters, and Dekorreon Hodges placed third at the Regional meet and qualified for state.



As winners, the boys qualify for scholarship money. Congratulations to Ian, Zach, and Deko and their sponsor, Mr. Divin.

UIL SOLO & ENSEMBLE



The Mighty Cougar Band is sending a record **TEN** musicians to the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest this year!!! In addition to learning their whole band competition music, these students learned additional pieces of music and polished them to perfection. Band students can either enter solos



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 23

BHS Softball @ Tidehaven Tourn.
BHS Varsity Baseball @ Wharton Tourn.
FFA Prairie View ABM FFA CDEs
FFA Day at the Capitol

Friday, February 24

BHS Softball @ Tidehaven Tourn.
BHS Varsity Baseball @ Wharton Tourn.
BHS Tennis @ Wharton
BHS Track @ Tiger Relays

Saturday, February 25

BHS Softball @ Tidehaven Tourn.
BHS Varsity Baseball @ Wharton Tourn.

Monday, February 27

5:00pm BHS Cheerleader Tryout Practice 3
6:00pm BHS Band after school clinician

Tuesday, February 28

4:30pm BHS JV Baseball @ Palacios
6:30pm BHS Varsity Baseball @ Palacios
7:00pm BMS 8th Grade Parent Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

7:30am BMS Book Fair
4:30pm BHS/BMS Cheerleader Tryouts

Thursday, March 2

BHS JV Baseball @ Palacios Tourn.
BHS Softball @ Schulenburg Tourn.
BHS Varsity Baseball @ Rice Consolidated Tourn.
BHS Track @ Rice Relays

Friday, March 3

BHS JV Baseball @ Palacios Tourn.
BHS Softball @ Schulenburg Tourn.
BHS Varsity Baseball @ Rice Consolidated Tourn.
BHS Tennis @ Sommersville

Saturday, March 4

BHS JV Baseball @ Palacios Tourn.
BHS Softball @ Schulenburg Tourn.
BHS Varsity Baseball @ Rice Consolidated Tourn.
BHS Tennis @ Sommersville
FFA Texas ABM Judging Clinics

Monday, March 6

BHS Boys Golf @ Flatonia
7:00pm Project Graduation 2017

Tuesday, March 7

8:00am BHS Band UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest
3:30pm BMS CM Jackson Relays
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball v Boling
5:30pm BHS Softball v Van Vleck
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball v Boling

Wednesday, March 8

BHS Girls Golf @ Flatonia
BHS Tennis
5:00pm BHS Open House
7:00pm FFA HLSR Horse Judging Contest

Thursday, March 9

24AAA District OAP
BHS Cougar Relays
1:00pm BHS One Act Play Performance
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball v West Houston Thunder
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball v West Houston

Friday, March 10

9:00am BHS FFA @ HLSR
5:30pm BHS Softball v Tidehaven JV/V

Saturday, March 11

24AAA District CX
BHS Powerlifting @ West
FFA HLSR Floriculture Contest

Tuesday, March 14

11:00am BHS Varsity Baseball @ Bellville
6:00pm BHS Softball v Rice

Wednesday, March 15

FFA HLSR Market Goats and Broiler Show

Thursday, March 16

FFA -HLSR Breeding Heifer Show
FFA HLSR Market Goats, and Turkey Show
6:30pm BHS Band Boosters

Friday, March 17

FFA HLSR Market Goats and Breeding Heifer Show
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball v Brazosport Christian
6:00pm BHS Softball v Danbury
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball v Brazosport Christian

Saturday, March 18

FFA HLSR Heifer Show

Sunday, March 19

FFA HLSR Heifer show and Market Swine Show
FFA HLSR Public Speaking Contest

Monday, March 20

BHS UIL Computer Science
FFA HLSR Livestock Judging
FFA HLSR Market Swine Show
FFA State Tractor Tech Contest
7:00pm Brazos ISD School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

FFA HLSR Market Swine Show
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball @ Hitchcock
5:00pm BHS Softball @ Hitchcock
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball @ Hitchcock

Wednesday, March 22

24AAA UIL District Academic Meet
24AAA UIL Writing Events
FFA HLSR Market Swine Show
3:45pm BMS Band rehearsal with clinician

Thursday, March 23

BHS Track @ Diershke Relays
FFA HLSR Market Swine Show

Friday, March 24

FFA HLSR Agricultural Mechanics Show
BHS Tennis @ Waller
BMS Track @ Raider Relays
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball v LaMarque
6:00pm BHS Softball v LaMarque
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball v LaMarque

Saturday, March 25

FFA HLSR Agricultural Mechanics Show
Bi-District OAP

Sunday, March 26

FFA HLSR Agricultural Mechanics Show

Monday, March 27

24AAA District Tennis

Tuesday, March 28

English I EOC
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball @ East Bernard
6:00pm BHS Softball @ East Bernard
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball @ East Bernard

Wednesday, March 29

24AAA District Tennis
BHS Tennis QUAD Meet

Thursday, March 30

BHS Track

Friday, March 31

8:30am TSTC Open House Field Trip
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball @ Rice Consolidated
6:00pm BHS Softball @ Rice Consolidated
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball @ Rice Consolidated

Saturday, April 1

FFA Area 3 FFA CDEs

Monday, April 3

24AAA District Golf
7:00pm Project Graduation 2017

Tuesday, April 4

FFA SFA CDE Invitational
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball v Danbury
6:00pm BHS Softball v Danbury
7:00pm BHS Varsity Baseball v Danbury

ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP HOURS

The State of Texas requires students to be in attendance 90% of the time to receive credit for classes. Students who have accumulated more than 10 absences per class period will be required to make-up time in order to regain credit. Make-up hours may be served in the BHS front office Monday–Thursday

from 3:36–4:36 Monday–Thursday. Seniors must complete all owed make-up hours before noon on Friday, June 2, 2017 in order to be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. All other students in grades 9-11 must complete make-up hours by June 16, 2017

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or small groups, ensembles, in the competition. Students can select from three different levels of difficulty when preparing their selections, Class I, Class II, or Class III. Students who earn the top Division I rating on a Class I solo or ensemble are eligible to participate in the State Solo and Ensemble competition. The trio of Katherine Knight, Lauren Sadaski, and Leslie Kim performed the Class I *Flute Trio # 2* by James Hook. The trumpet trio of Amanda Rincon Morales, Carlos Gonzales, and Cody Kelner performed the Class I *Suscepit Israel* by J.S. Bach. The low brass trio consisting of Ian Martin on euphonium, Aaron Cerda on euphonium, and Daniel Cerda on tuba performed the Class I selection *Tower Music* by Brian Israel. Finally, percussion soloist, Johnaton Laureano performed the Class I *High Voltage Multi-Percussion Solo* by Brad Meyer. Congratulations to Katherine, Lauren, Leslie, Amanda, Carlos, Cody, Ian, Aaron, Daniel, and Johnaton and their sponsors Mr. Jamison and Mrs. Wells.

STAAR END OF COURSE EXAMS

March 28, English I
March 30, English II
Monday, May 1—Algebra
Tuesday, May 2—Biology
Wednesday, May 3—US History

Is It Bullying?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset – that's **BULLYING.**

Wednesday, April 5

BHS District Tennis @ Wharton

Thursday, April 6

BHS District Tennis @ Wharton
BHS Track

Friday, April 7

End of 5th Six Weeks
4:30pm BHS JV Baseball v Hitchcock
6:00pm BHS Softball v Hitchcock

