



# Cougar Connection

## Brazos High School Newsletter

### GRADUATION!

Commencement ceremonies for the Brazos High School Class of 2017 will be held at 8:00 PM on Friday, June 2, 2017 at Cougar Field.

We are hoping for sunshine and good weather, but need to be prepared for what temperamental Texas weather should come our way.



In the event of rain on graduation day, graduation ceremonies will be moved indoors to the Brazos High School Gymnasium. As you know, seating inside is limited. To be fair to every senior and their family, 8 graduation rain tickets will be issued to each senior during graduation practice. Once everyone with a graduation ticket has been seated, additional guests will be allowed to enter until capacity is reached.

### CAPS & GOWNS

Graduation is a formal event and we want our seniors to look their best. Every senior participating in the graduation ceremony must wear a black cap and gown. In addition, there are dress code guidelines for graduates.

#### GRADUATION DRESS CODE:

**FEMALES** – please wear knee length or longer dresses or skirts. Dark colored dress pants are also acceptable. Shorts, are not allowed. Due to the long processional from the gym to the field and field condition, spiked heels are not recommended. No flip-flops or athletic shoes.

**MALES** – Please wear a light colored dress shirt, a tie, and dark dress slacks (new dark colored jeans are acceptable). Please wear dress shoes or boots (no athletic type shoes, sandals, or flip-flops)

Graduation caps may be decorated.

#### GUIDELINES FOR DECORATING CAPS:

- Decorations must be tasteful and school appropriate.
- No offensive language, sayings, nicknames, pictures or lyrics
- **Decorations must lay flat on the TOP surface of the cap (the square)**



- Decorations may not extend past the top edge of the cap.
- No lights of any type.
- No 3D objects such as stuffed animals or flowers
- No bells, horns, or anything that makes noise
- **No embroidered monograms**

Administration reserves the right to disallow anything that is not considered appropriate for commencement ceremony.

**Suggestion:** trace your cap onto cardboard and practice decorating the cardboard first. If you make a mistake you can start over with a new piece of cardboard.

### 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 15, 2017.

### STAAR END OF COURSE EXAMS

Monday, May 1—Algebra

Tuesday, May 2—Biology

Wednesday, May 3—US History

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 12	24AAA District Track Meet
April 14-17	Easter Holidays
Monday, April 17	
7:00pm	Brazos ISD School Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 18	BHS Regional Tennis
4:30pm	BHS JV Baseball v East Bernard
6:00pm	BHS Softball v East Bernard
7:00pm	BHS Varsity Baseball v East Bernard
Wednesday, April 19	
	BHS Regional Tennis
	FFA Tarelton Area 3 CDEs
Thursday, April 20	BHS Regional Tennis
6:30pm	BHS Band Boosters
Friday, April 21	
4:30pm	BHS JV Baseball v Rice Consolidated
7:00pm	BHS Varsity Baseball v Rice Consolidated
Monday, April 24	
5:15pm	Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up
Tuesday, April 25	
4:30pm	BHS JV Baseball @ Danbury
7:00pm	BHS Varsity Baseball @ Danbury
Thursday, April 27	
6:00pm	Dual Credit Parent Meeting
Friday, April 28	Regional Track Meet
Monday, May 1	EDC Algebra
7:00pm	Project Graduation 2017
Tuesday, May 2	EDC Biology
Wednesday, May 3	EDC US History
Thursday, May 4	
1:28pm	BHS Sr Class Group Picture
6:00pm	Band Banquet
Saturday, May 6	
6:00pm	Prom
Monday, May 8	Freshman Field Trip - Holocaust Museum
Tuesday, May 9	
6:00pm	FFA Banquet
Thursday, May 11	State Track Meet
Friday, May 12	State Track Meet
Saturday, May 13	State Track Meet
Monday, May 15	
7:00pm	Brazos ISD School Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 17	BHS State Tennis
Thursday, May 18	BHS State Tennis
6:00pm	BISD Spring Band Concert
6:30pm	BHS Band Boosters
Friday, May 19	PVAMU Student Leadership Conference
2:00pm	BHS Senior Class Trip
Wednesday, May 24	BISD Athletic Physicals
6:00pm	Sports Banquet
Thursday, May 25	Friday, May 26
Friday, May 26	Brazos Event
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day Holiday
Tuesday, May 30	
6:30pm	BHS Academic Awards Night
Thursday, June 1	End of 2nd Semester
12:30pm	Early Dismissal
Friday, June 2	
9:30am	Graduation Practice
8:00pm	BHS Graduation
10:00pm	Project Graduation 2017

## PROM 2017

Prom 2017 will be held in Simonton at the White Oaks Event Venue, located at 7920 Farm to Market 1489. Tickets are \$25 for everyone.

- ◆ Junior and Senior fees must be paid in full in order to attend the prom. Fees must be paid in full before purchasing a ticket - no exceptions. All prom attendees must have a ticket for themselves and their guest.
- ◆ Guests who are not Brazos students will be asked to show photo ID (school ID or driver's license) at event.
- ◆ Guests who are not Brazos students must fill out the Brazos Student Guest Form prior to purchasing ticket. Brazos High School principal, Mrs. McCarthy, will approve all guest forms.
- ◆ The prom will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be no admittance to prom after 9:30 p.m. Once students and guests exit the prom, they will not be allowed to re-enter. The prom will end promptly at 11:00 p.m.
- ◆ All prom attendees should conduct themselves in an orderly manner. All school rules apply for Brazos students and guests. Anyone not conducting him/herself in an orderly and appropriate manner will be asked to leave the prom and their parent will be notified immediately. Appropriate discipline procedures will follow in accordance with the student handbook.
- ◆ Smoking, alcohol or drug use is not permitted by anyone attending prom. Anyone suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be reported to campus administration and the police officers on duty.
- ◆ Guests over the age of 20 are not allowed to attend.
- ◆ Middle School/Jr. High/or any students younger than 15 are not allowed to attend as a guest.
- ◆ Guests must be in good standing at their school and have no record of serious misconduct. Students in an alternative (DAEP/JJAEP) school setting in any school district are not allowed to attend.

## UIL ACADEMICS

On Saturday, April 8, The Brazos UIL Accounting, Mathematics, and Calculator Applications teams went to the Regional UIL Academic contest in Brenham.

The Accounting team of Ruby Moreno Tavera, Kyle Nieman, Amanda Rincon Morales, and Mayra Tavera placed second. Kyle was 4th place individual and Ruby 5th place individual.

Brazos also had several individuals competing in UIL events. Ian Martin qualified to compete in Headline Writing and Persuasive Speaking. Ian was 6th in headline writing and 3rd in persuasive speaking. His 3rd place finish in Persuasive Speaking qualifies him to return to the State UIL meet. We think that Ian Martin is the first Brazos student ever to go to state in a speaking event!

Congratulations Ruby, Kyle, and Ian!



UIL Regionals 2017: Stephen Demny - Number Sense and Mathematics, Isabel Jones - Ready Writing, Ruby Moreno - Calculator Applications and Accounting, Kennedy Jetelina - Calculator Applications, Savannah Kovar - Calculator Applications, Kolton Marek - Calculator Applications, Zach Walters - Current Events, Lauren Sadoski - Poetry Interpretation, McKenzie Stavinoha - Computer Applications, Kyle Nieman - Accounting and Mathematics, Mayra Tavera - Accounting, Amanda Rincon Morales - Accounting, Cody Kelner - Computer Science, Carlos Gonzalez - Computer Science, Jairo Pedroza - Science, Ian Martin - Headline Writing and Persuasive Speaking, Samantha Nolen - Informative Speaking, Hema Iyer - Informative Speaking, Elsa Jimenez - Mathematics, Taylor Hoelscher - Mathematics

**Jeans for Teens**  
**April 5-13**