



ATHLETIC NEWS



PLAYOFF MANIA!

.....a note from the AD

Greetings:

It seems that it was just a few days ago that I was commenting on a great Fall season in BISD athletics in our Fall newsletter. Now, we have come close to concluding our winter sports before we finish out the year with our spring sports. Once again, we have had success with our winter sports. Our basketball teams excelled with the Birdville High girls winning the District 6-4A Championship. The Haltom High girls had an outstanding year and qualified for the UIL State Playoffs as the 5-5A runner-up. Going two rounds deep in the UIL State Playoffs were the young men from Richland High School. All three high school wrestling teams had qualifiers to the UIL Regional Tournament which was held in Canyon, Texas. Our swimmers from Birdville and Richland High Schools qualified for the UIL Regional Meet where several swimmers set school records and personal bests. Our middle school basketball teams fared well in the Big 12 District Championships. In the girls' division, the Smithfield girls won the 7th and 8th grade championships. Along with that, the 8th grade boys of North Ridge won the Big 12 District Championship. Our middle school basketball teams represented BISD quite well during the basketball season!

Several of our head coaches experienced milestones in their coaching careers during this winter season. Mike Welch won his 200th victory as a head soccer coach; Billy Bentz won his 300th victory as a head basketball coach, and Richard Bacon saw his 400th victory in Montgomery, TX this past season. Congratulations to those coaches!

We look forward to the Spring seasons and more BISD athletic success.

Birdville Girls Basketball advanced to Bi-District

Haltom Girls Basketball advanced to Bi-District

Richland Boys Basketball advanced to Area

Birdville Wrestling Qualified for Regionals

Haltom Wrestling Qualified for Regionals

Richland Wrestling Qualified for Regionals

Birdville Swimming had 8 Qualify for Regionals

Richland Swimming had 11 Qualify for Regionals



MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Smithfield Middle School
8th girls Big 12 District Cross Country Champions

7th boys Big 12 District Cross Country Champions

7th girls Big 12 Basketball Tournament Champions

8th girls Big 12 Basketball District and Tournament Champions

North Ridge Middle School
8th boys Big 12 District Tournament Champions



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Congratulations!



**COACH BENTZ
CELEBRATES 300 WINS**



**COACH BACON
CELEBRATES 400 WINS**

Not pictured was **COACH MIKE WELCH'S** celebration of his **200** wins.

COACH KATHY HUDSON RECOGNIZED BY FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES BY ARTICLE IN "THE FINISH LINE" NEWSLETTER JANUARY PUBLICATION.

Richland High School Cross Country Coach, Kathy Hudson has been coaching now for 28 years. Coach Hudson has been at Richland for 24 years and involved in FCA for 26 years. Coach Hudson started an FCA Huddle her first year at Richland with 12 girls meeting in her home. The Huddle has grown to averaging 50-100 teenagers meeting every other Monday night in parents' homes. "I wish I had room to tell you what a blessing it (FCA) has been to my life", says Coach Hudson.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Richland High School Varsity and Jr. Varsity Tennis teams worked a community service project at the Holiday Magic Night at North Richland Hills. Students worked the skating rink, the big tent and wherever needed. They also hosted a family from Lena Pope.

RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Deveric Gallington was selected by the AP poll to the 5A /Texas 2nd team all state. He was also selected to play in the All American Bowl in Miami on Jan. 4th which was televised nationally.

Congratulations to Victor Jones on being selected honorable mention linebacker by the AP poll for Texas 5A.

Richland qualified 11 swimmers to move to Regionals; Aaron Hasty placed 2nd in the 50 freestyle and set a new school record with a time of 22.51. This is the 3rd time that he reset that record.

BIRDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Birdville qualified 8 swimmers to Regionals. The girls medley relay team; Stephen Hoerig qualified in the 100 backstroke and Angela Andrus qualified on the 100 free and was a bronze medalist in the 50 freestyle.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many BISD student/athletes signed letters of intent in February to play college ball next year.

BIRDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Volleyball

Brenda Jackson - Ottawa University.

Track

Whitney Gipson - Texas Christian University

Soccer

Halla Ali - Texas Women's University

Football

Tommy Dorman - Texas A&M

Beau Schmidt - Southwestern Baptist Missouri

Cole Wilson - Harding University

HALTOM HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball

Jacob Schrader - Grayson County Community College

Zach Rydman - Grayson County Community College

Football

Lance Dunbar - University of North Texas

RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Volleyball

Hillary White - Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX.

Erika Lunsford - Centenary College of Louisiana

Football

Deveric Gallington - Texas Tech.

Victor Jones - Southern Methodist University

A.J. Garcia - Southeastern Oklahoma

BIRDVILLE'S BEST



Watauga Middle School
The ROCK Champions



Jeff Russell with Derek Harper



BHS Swim Medalist Angela Andrus Bronze in the 50 Freestyle.

SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED

Softball

Sarah Russell - East Central Oklahoma

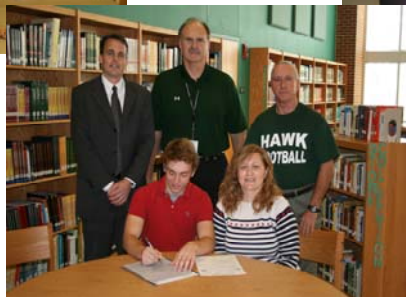
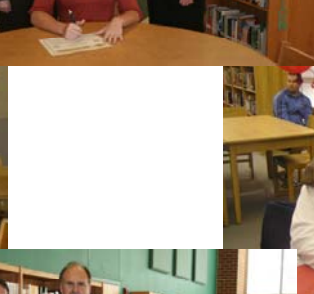
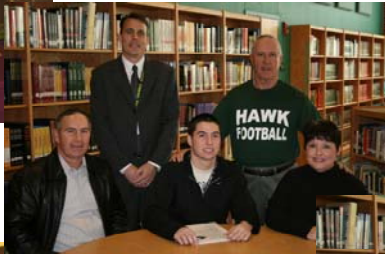
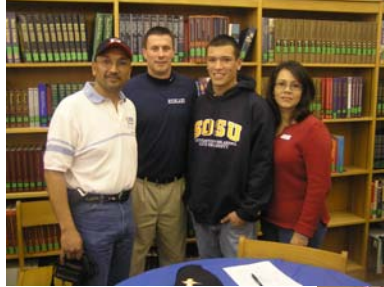
RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Soccer

Kim Mackenzie - East Central University

Whitney Watts - East Central University

Kelly Servage - St Edwards in Austin



Congratulations!